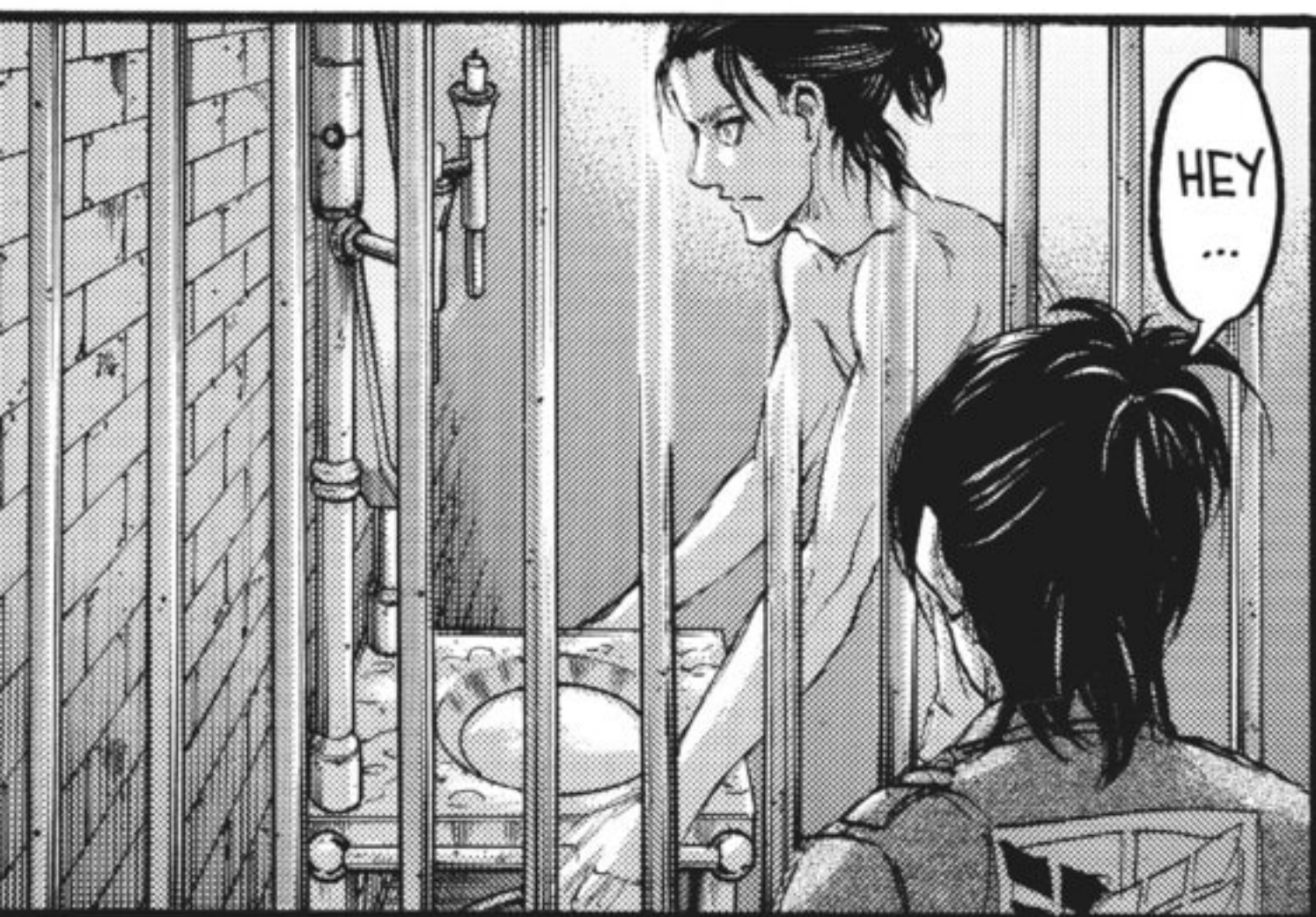






...IN
THAT
MIRROR,
WEREN'T
YOU?

YOU
TOLD
YOURSELF
TO
FIGHT
...

YOU
WERE
JUST
TALKING
TO YOUR
REFLEC-
TION...



YOU
SAID TO
FIGHT...
TWICE.

YOU
SAID
"FIGHT,
FIGHT."

RIGHT
?



...DOES
THAT
MEAN IT'S
A TWO-
ROUND
FIGHT?

IF YOU
SAID TO
FIGHT
TWICE...

FIGHT
WHAT
?



AT
LEAST,
I'VE NEVER
STRUCK UP A
CONVERSATION
WITH MY
REFLECTION.

I
DON'T THINK
IT'S NORMAL
FOR PEOPLE
TO TALK WITH
NO ONE ELSE
THERE...

I'LL
NEVER
GET IT IF
YOU DON'T
SPEAK
UP.



WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING
HERE?!

IT'S
MESSED UP,
LIKE YOU'RE
TRYING TO
SAY YOU'RE
WORKING TOO
HARD TO
BOTHER
FUSSING
OVER
IT!!

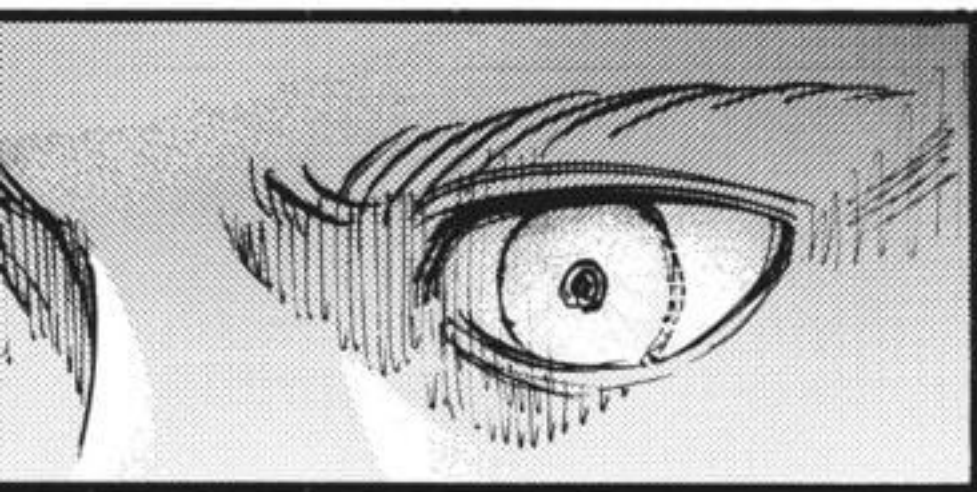
ANYWAY, I
THINK THAT
HAIRSTYLE
LOOKS
GOOD ON
YOU!



WE SPENT
ALL NIGHT
TALKING ABOUT
TITANS THE
FIRST TIME WE
MET, DIDN'T
WE?

I'M
HERE
TO
TALK.

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN
...?



...TALK
ON AND
ON...

YOU
LISTENED
TO ME...



THAT
YOU
WOULDN'T
SACRIFICE
HISTORIA
...

I
ALWAYS
KNEW.

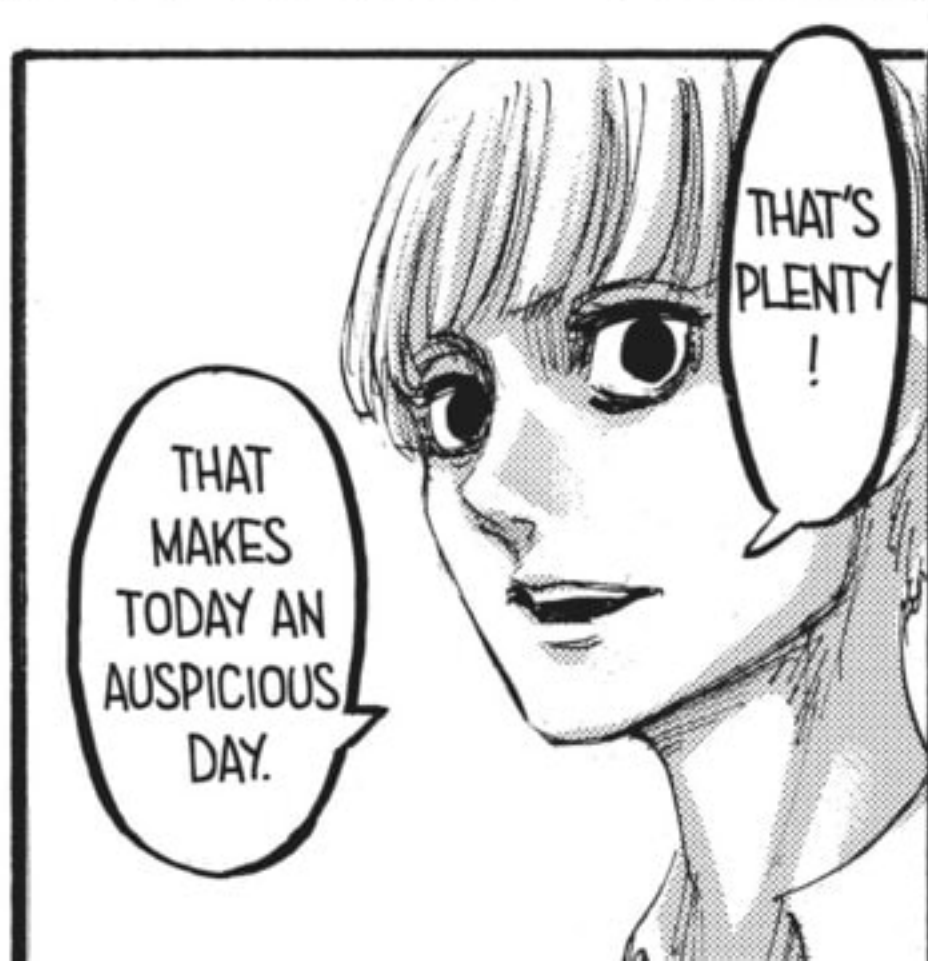


TWO YEARS
AGO... THE
DAY OF THE
WELCOME
CEREMONY
IN THE
HARBOR.



I
LOOK
FORWARD
TO WORK-
ING WITH
YOU.

I
HAVEN'T
SEEN YOU
SINCE YOU
LIFTED OUR
ENTIRE
SHIP.



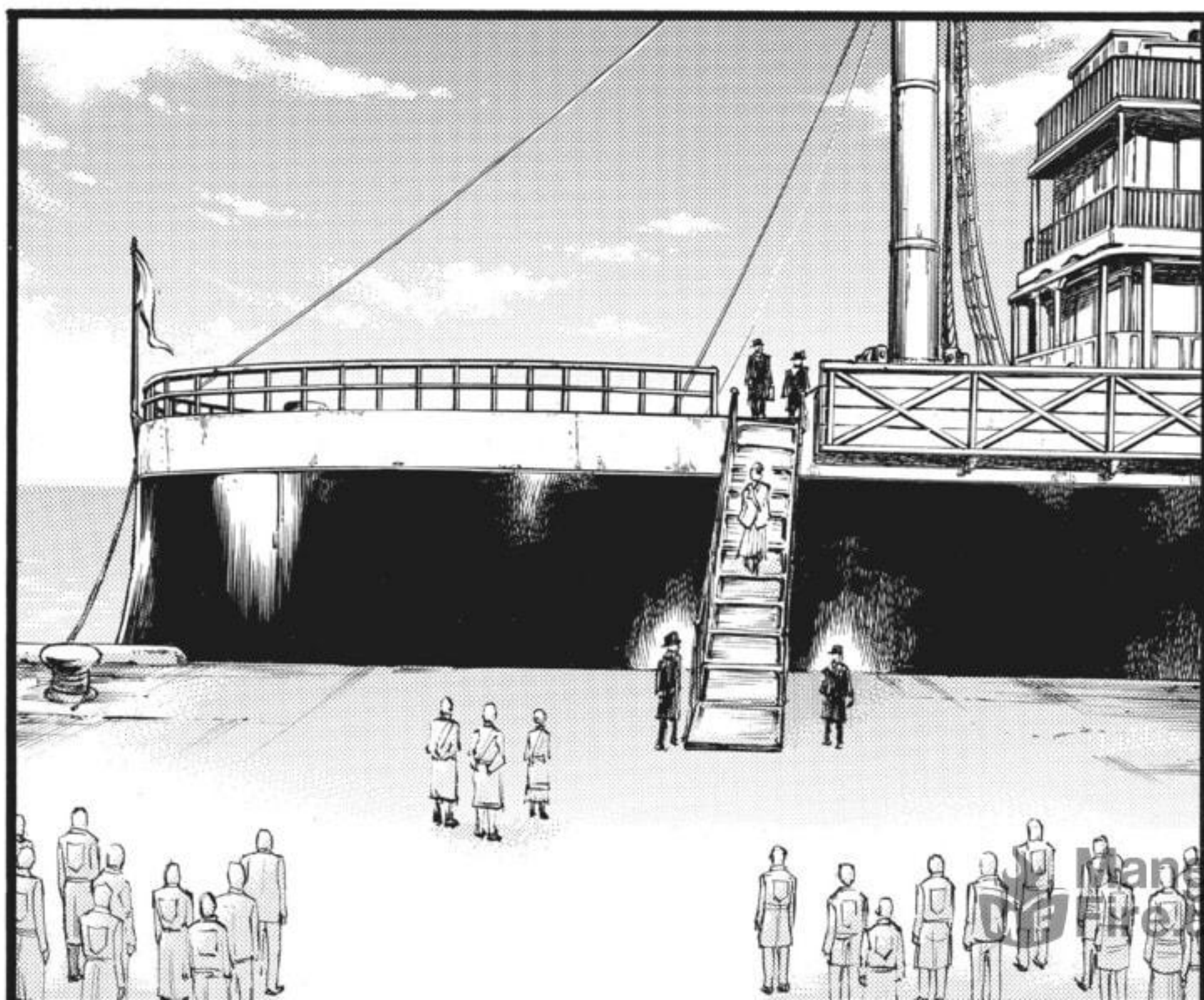
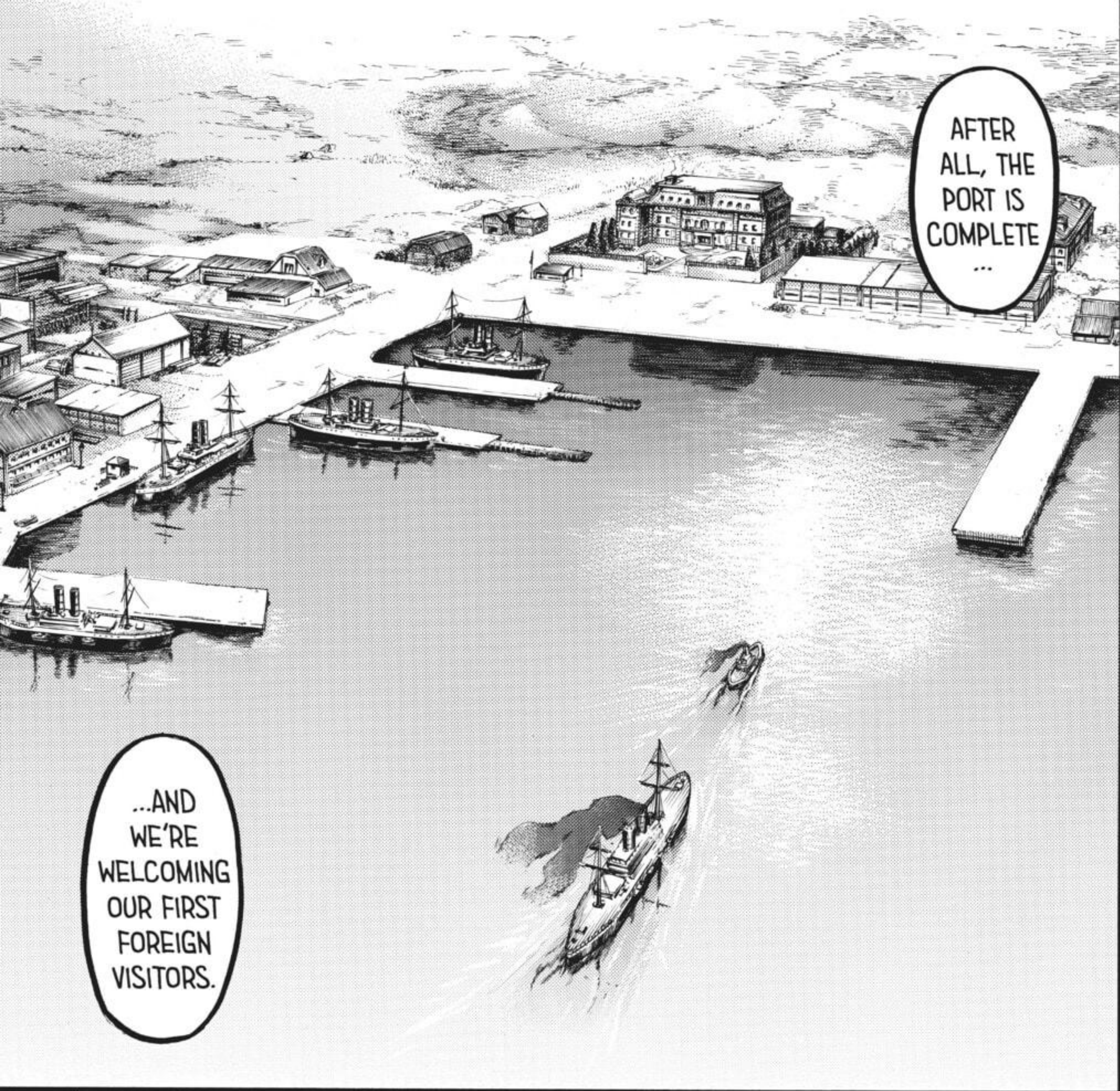
THAT
MAKES
TODAY AN
AUSPICIOUS
DAY.

THAT'S
PLENTY
!



THIS
BRIEF
MEETING
IS AS
FAR AS
WE WILL
GO.

NO. HE'LL
NEVER COME
IN CONTACT
WITH ANY OF
YOU AGAIN.





HIZURU.

FROM
THE ONE
NATION IN
THE WORLD
FRIENDLY TO
PARADIS
...



SHE'S
THE
HEAD
OF HER
CLAN.

SHE HAS
SIGNIFICANT
INFLUENCE OVER
HIZURU'S FOREIGN
AFFAIRS, WHICH SHE
USES TO MAINTAIN
STRONG HISTORICAL
TIES WITH OTHER
NATIONS.

...IS
KIYOMI
AZUMA-
BITO.

THEIR
AMBASSADOR
ON THIS
TRIP
...



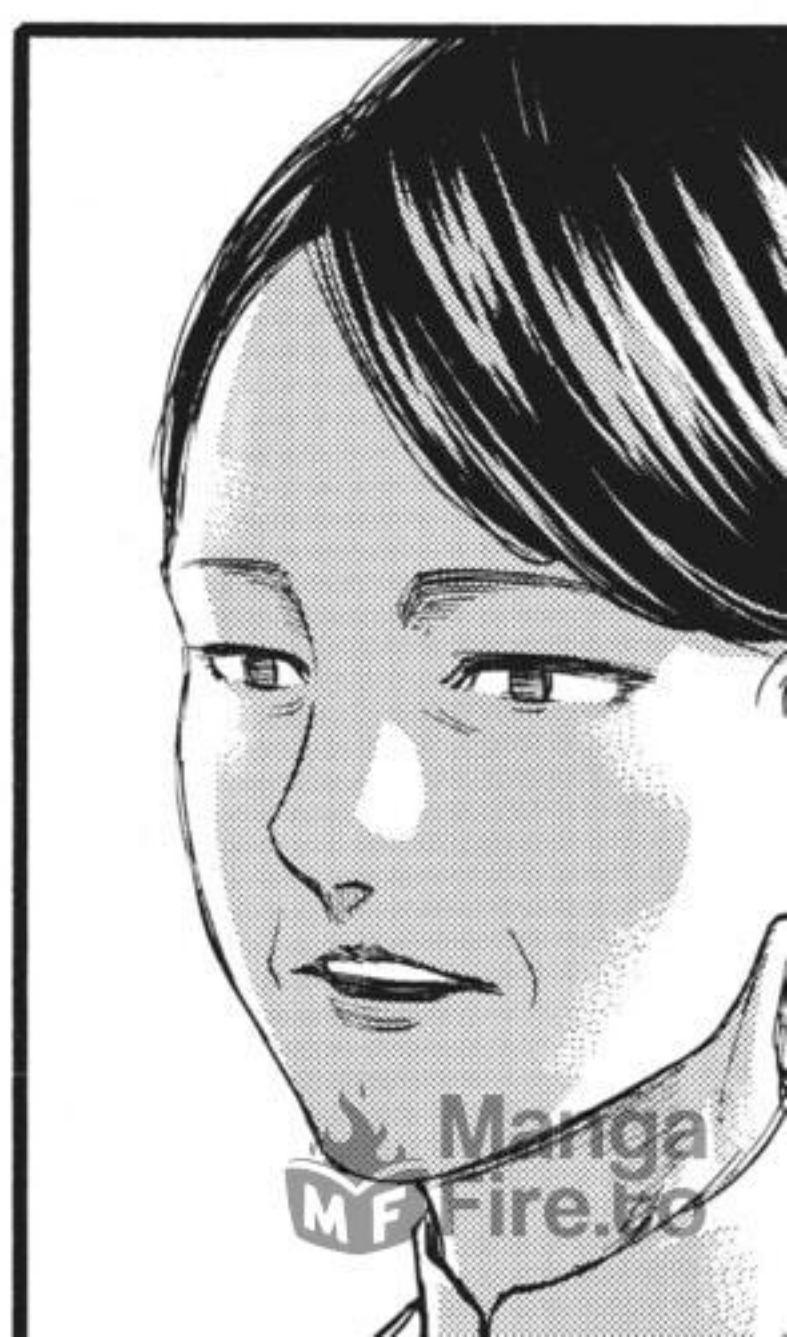
IT'S
JUST
LIKE I
TOLD
YOU.

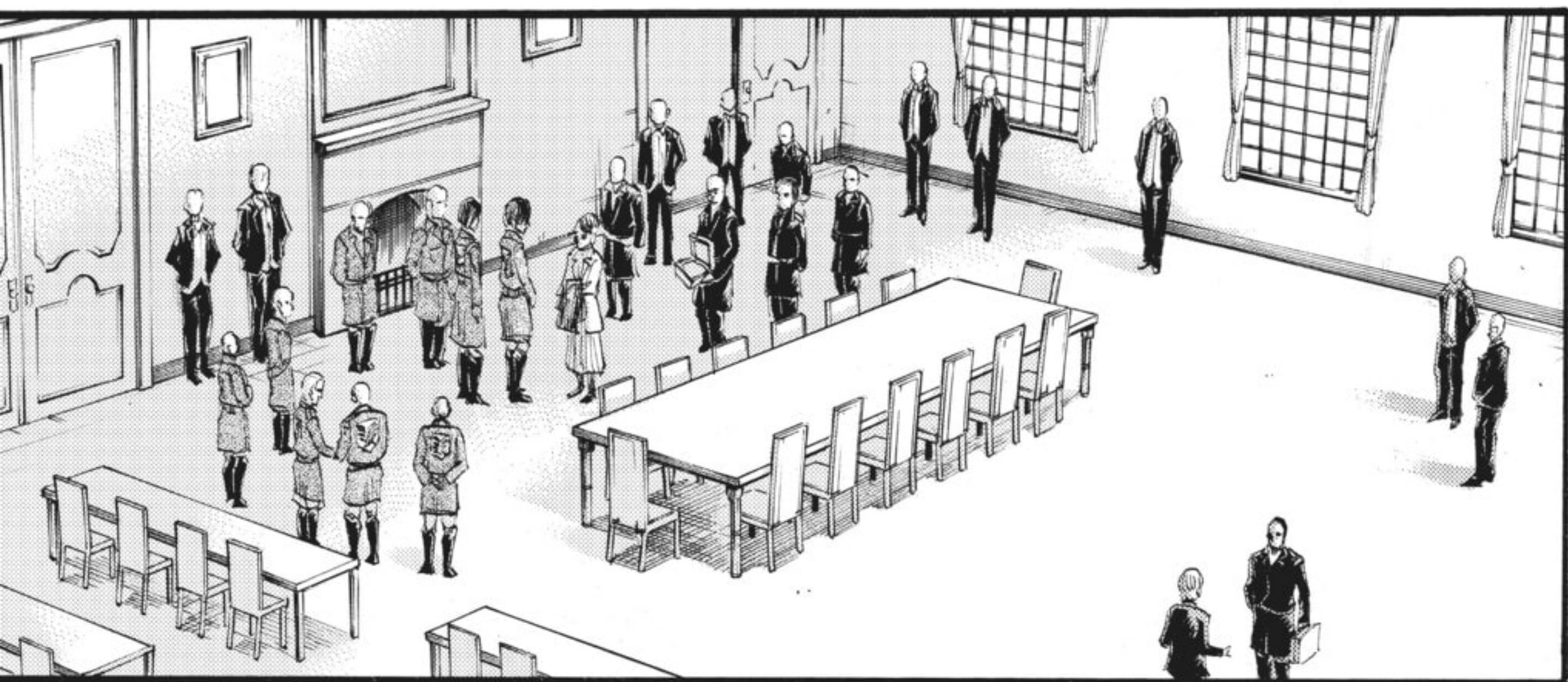
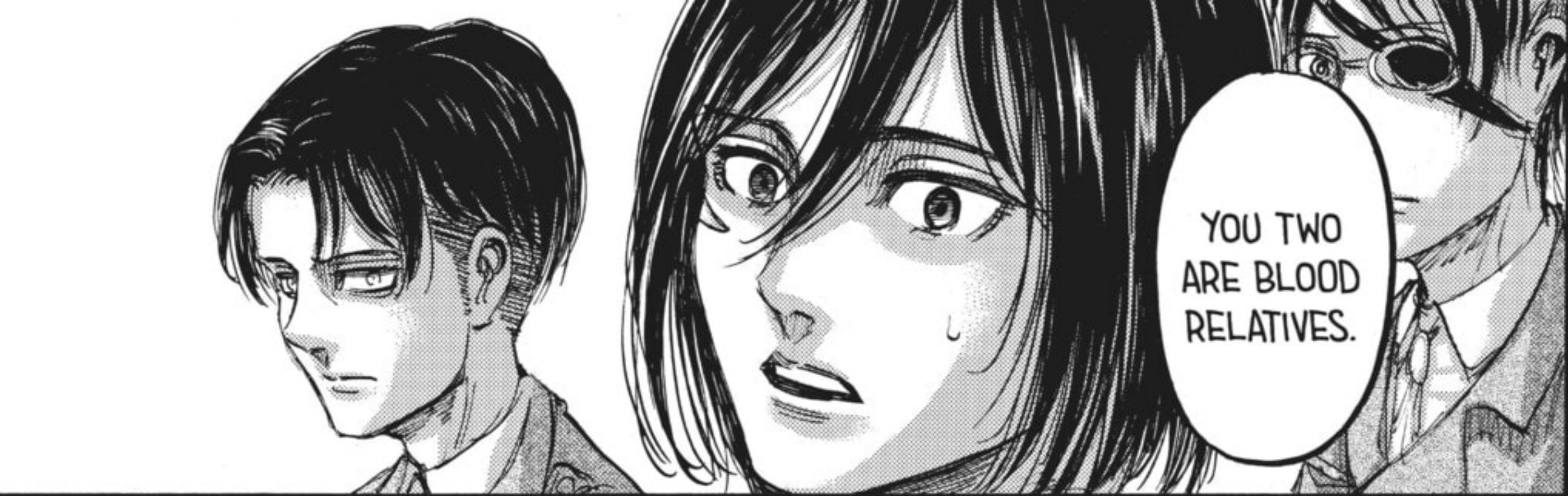
DOES
HER FACE
RESEMBLE
YOUR
MOTHER'S
?



SHE'S
...

...!







...BUT...
MOM SAID
TO...KEEP
THIS A
SECRET!!



SHOW
HER,
MIKASA.

THAT'S
...!!



PEEL



THIS IS
PROBABLY
THE DAY
SHE WAS
WAITING
FOR.

GO
ON...



HUH? YOU
SHOWED IT
TO ME AS A
KID, DIDN'T
YOU?



BEFORE
SHE DIED,
MY MOTHER
GAVE ME
THIS MARK.

SHE
HAD IT
TOO, AND
SHE ASKED
ME TO PASS
IT ON TO
MY OWN
CHILDREN.







...THE
HEIR LEFT
A CHILD
BEHIND
ON THIS
ISLAND.

...
AMIDST
ALL THE
CONFUSION
...

AFTER OUR
DEFEAT IN THE
GREAT TITAN WAR,
HIZURU LOST
STANDING IN THE
WORLD. THEN,
THOUGH I'M
UNSURE OF HOW
IT HAPPENED...



...THAT
I AM FINALLY
MEETING YOU,
THE ONE
PERSON WITH
EASTERN
BLOOD ON
THIS ISLAND.

...A
HUNDRED
YEARS
HENCE...

TO
THINK
...



YOU
ARE
HIZURU'S
HOPE.

...ARE THE
DESCENDENT
OF OUR
NATION'S
LOST LORD.

YOU...



YOU'RE THE
LAST SURVIVOR
OF THIS NATION'S
TOP FAMILY,
RIGHT?

DON'T
ASK
ME...

THAT
MAKES YOU
PRETTY
POWERFUL IN
HIZURU,
RIGHT?

IF
WHAT
AZUMA-
BITO
SAID IS
TRUE...



I
REALLY
THINK
WE
SHOULD
ASK
YELENA
...

WAIT!
WHAT
IF THIS
IS A
TRAP?!

IF IT
MEANS
WE CAN
EXPLOIT
HIZURU,
WE'VE GOT
TO USE
THIS!

NO,
THAT
WOULD BE
EXACTLY
WHAT OUR
ENEMIES
WANT!

I STILL
DON'T GET
WHAT A
"NATION"
IS...



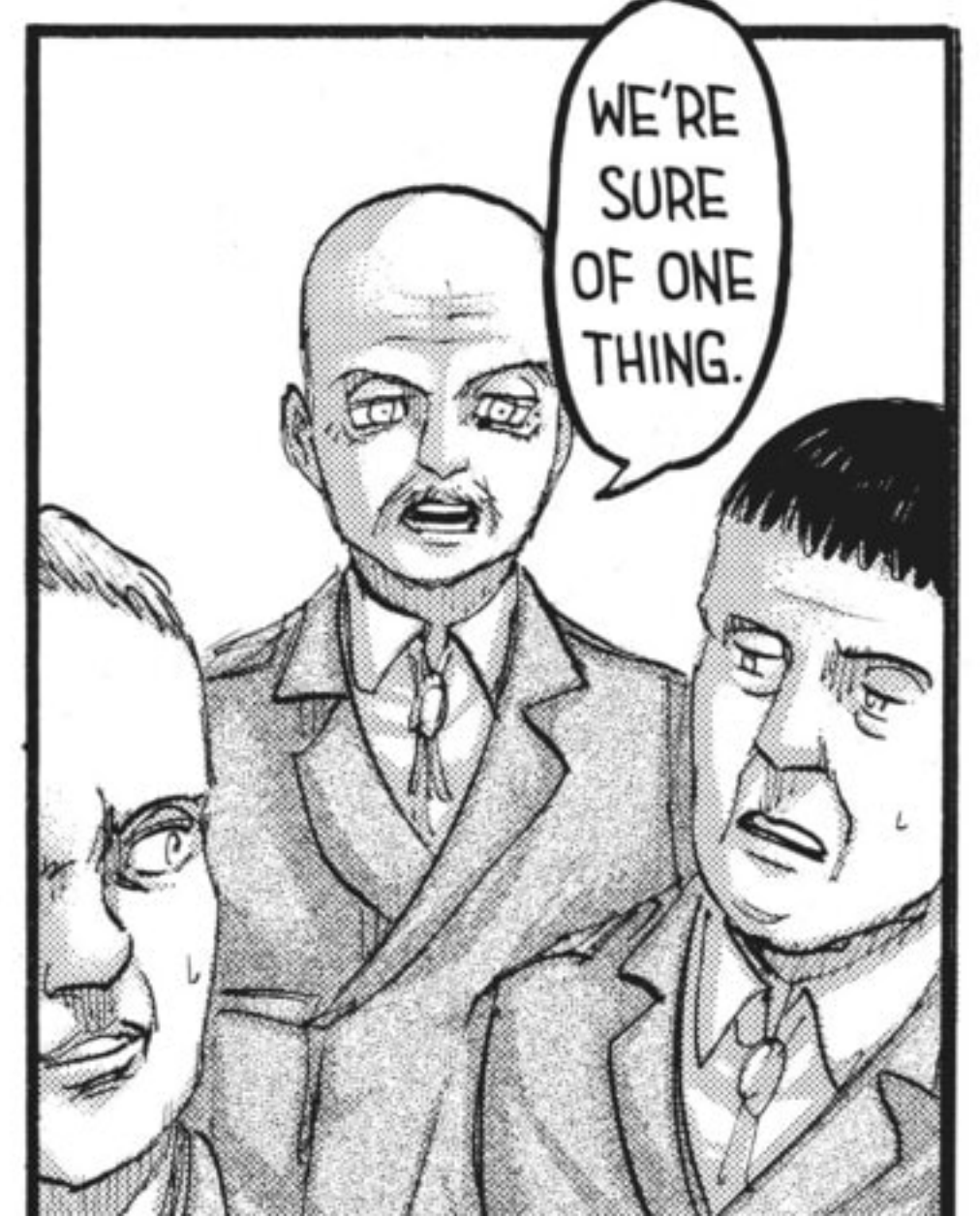
LET'S STAY
QUIET AND
JUST LISTEN
FOR NOW.

...WE
ARE BUT
A LITTLE,
TOTTERING
CHILD.

IN THIS
WORLD
CONNECTED
BY THE
SEAS...



COME.
WE EMBARRASS
OURSELVES
MAKING OUR
GUEST WAIT.



WE'RE
SURE
OF ONE
THING.



YOU
SEEM
HAPPY.



THAT'S
BECAUSE
I AM!



I MEAN,
YOU NEVER
SHOWED THAT
BANDAGE
AROUND YOUR
WRIST TO
ANYONE!

UH
...

HEY,
WHY'D YOU
ONLY SHOW
EREN THAT
MARK?

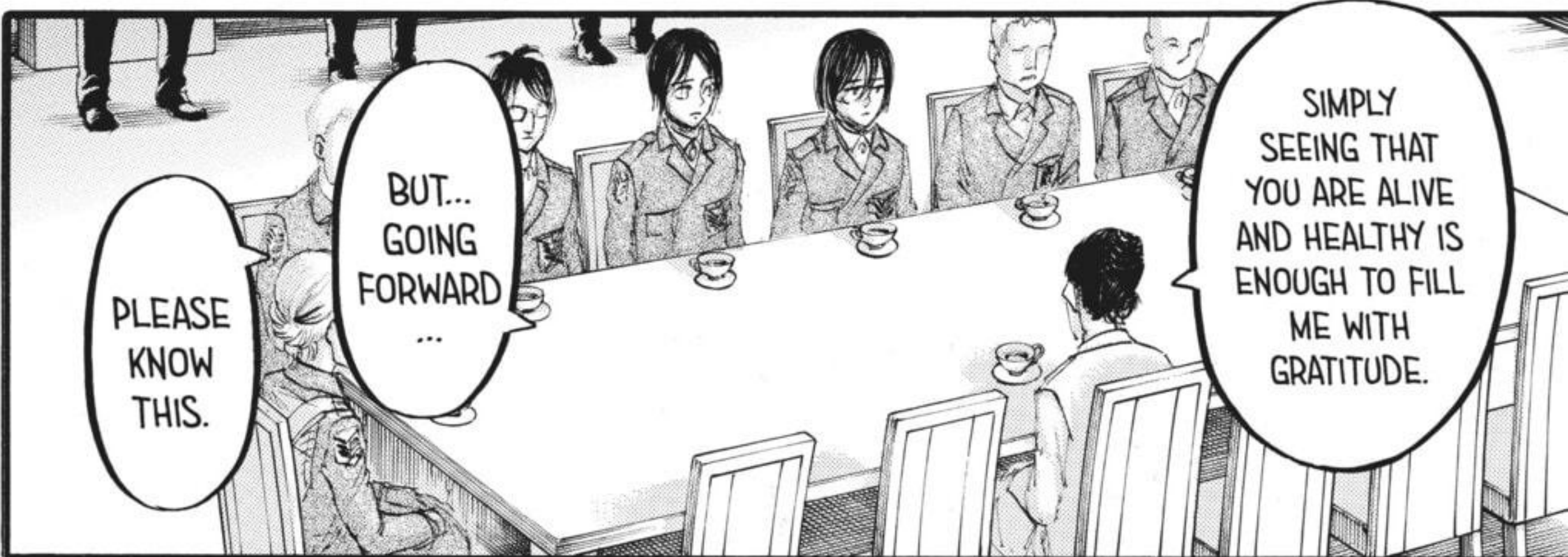
THAT'S
...UM.



I
COULDN'T
ASK FOR A
MORE
PERFECT
MATCH THAN
YOU,
MIKASA!

...

YOU'VE
ALSO
HAD TO
SHOULDER
A HEAVY
BURDEN
BECAUSE
OF YOUR
BIRTH.



PLEASE
KNOW
THIS.

BUT...
GOING
FORWARD
...

SIMPLY
SEEING THAT
YOU ARE ALIVE
AND HEALTHY IS
ENOUGH TO FILL
ME WITH
GRATITUDE.

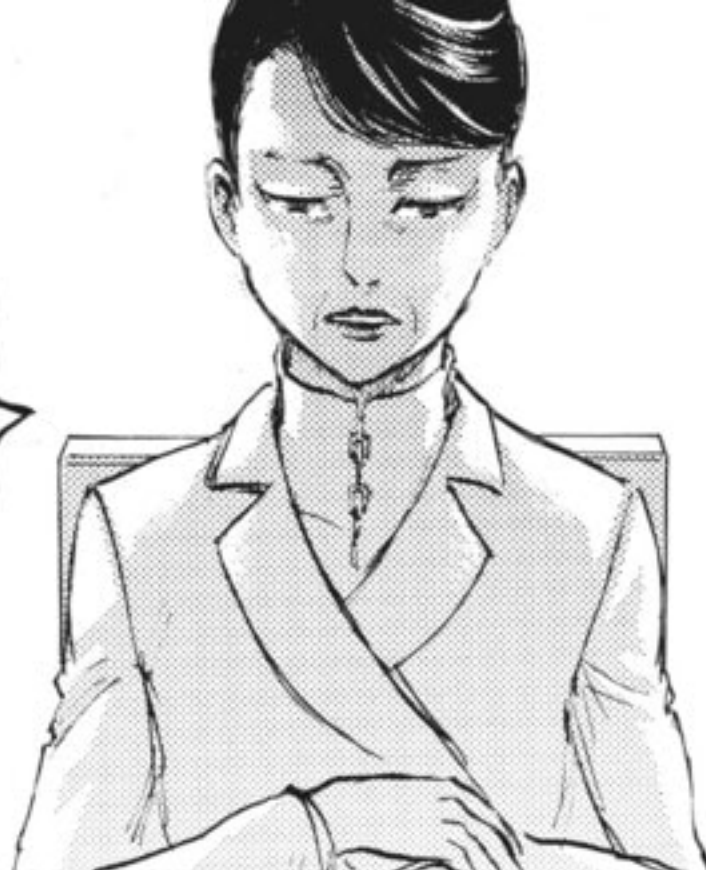


YES,
MA'AM.

THE
AZUMABITO
WILL ALWAYS
BE WAITING
FOR YOU.

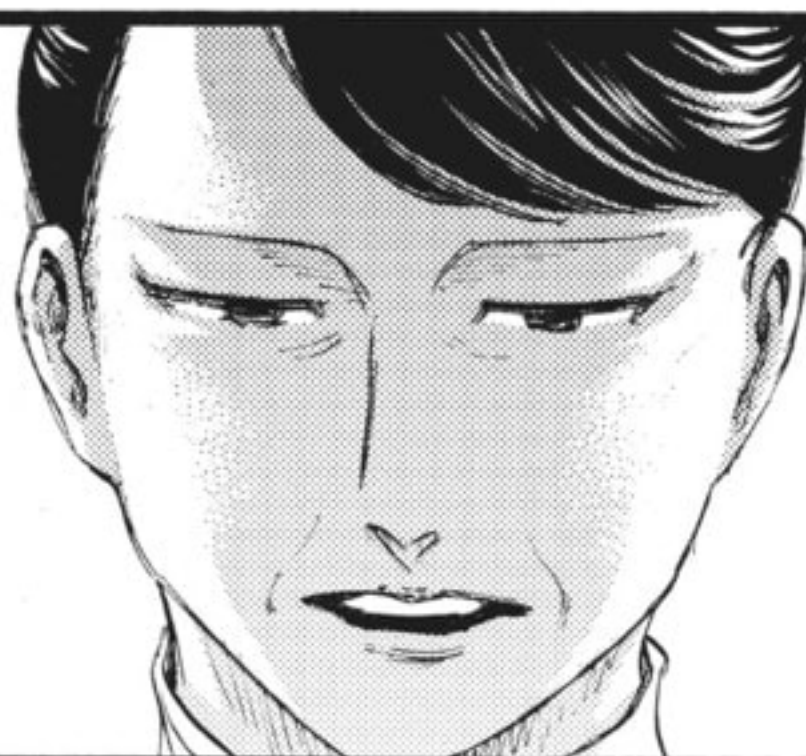
...IF NOT FOR
THE MAN WHO
BROUGHT US
TOGETHER.

AND THIS
DAY NEVER
WOULD HAVE
COME...

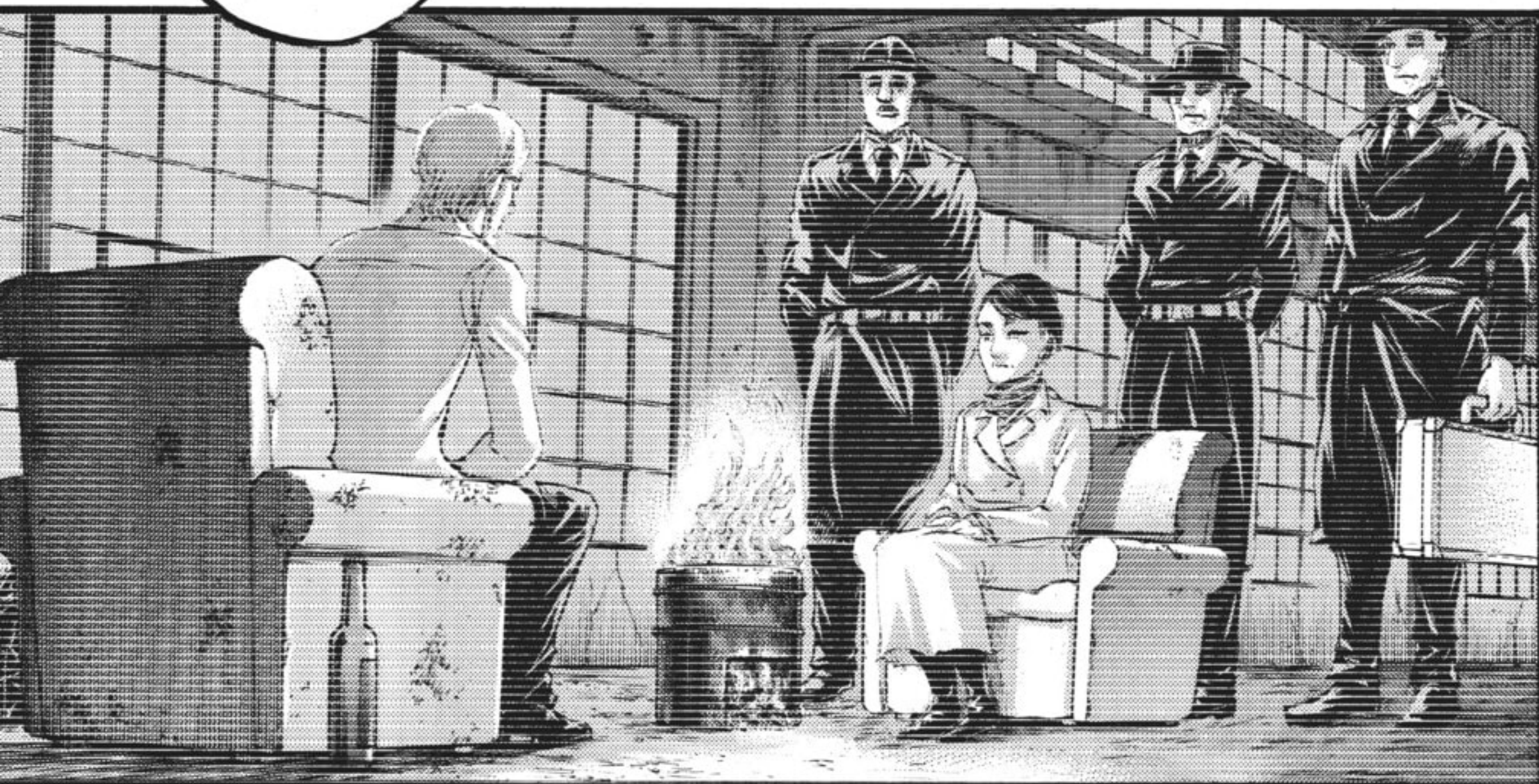


THIS IS A
HISTORIC
DAY FOR
BOTH OUR
NATIONS.

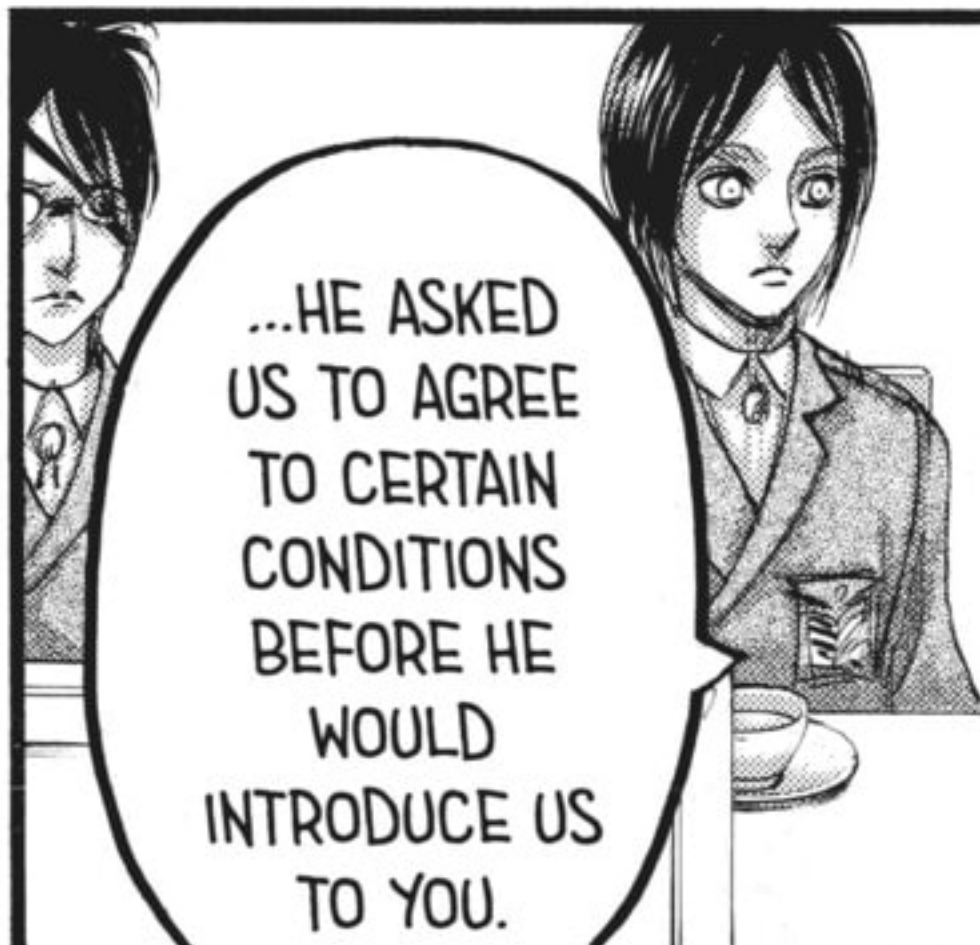
...AND MET IN
SECRET WITH THE
SOURCE OF THAT
INFORMATION,
ZEKE YEAGER.



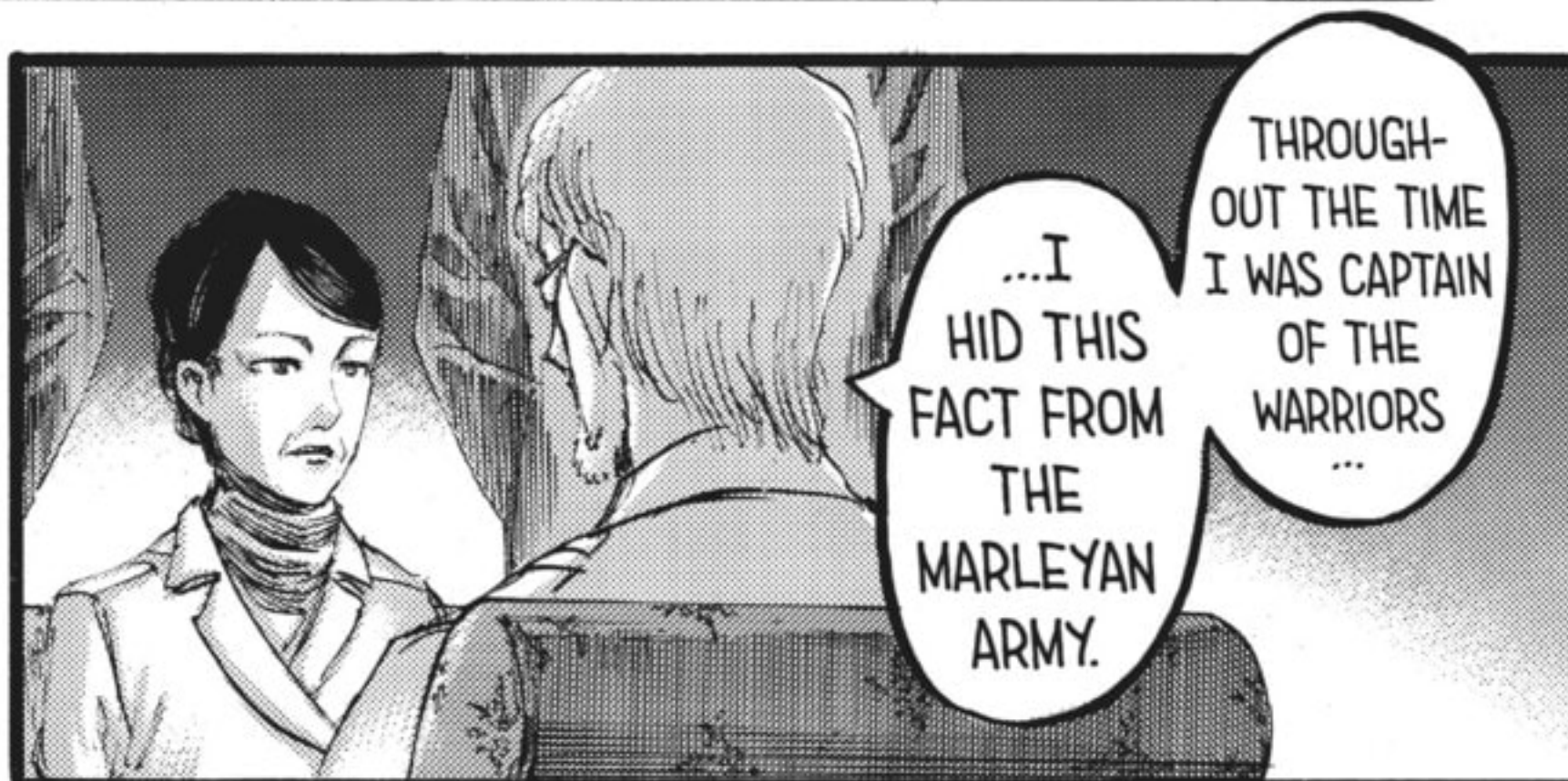
WE HEARD
ABOUT THE
DESCENDANT
OF OUR
SHOGUN CLAN
ON PARADIS...



...HE ASKED
US TO AGREE
TO CERTAIN
CONDITIONS
BEFORE HE
WOULD
INTRODUCE US
TO YOU.



YOU
SHOULD
KNOW
THAT...





I
SOLD
OUT MY
MOTHER
AND
FATHER
TO
MARLEY.

YES
...

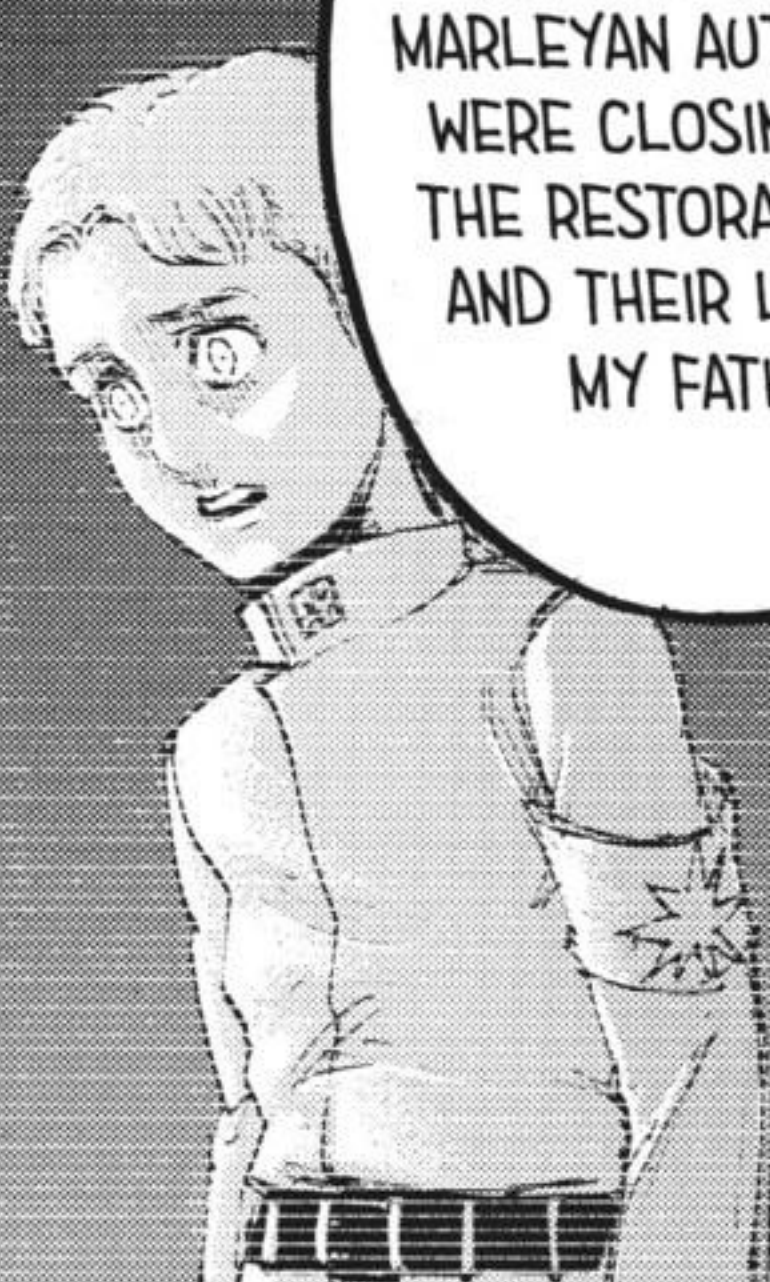


BUT
...

YOU
...



I WAS
CERTAIN THAT IF
I DID NOTHING,
MY ENTIRE FAMILY
WOULD BE "SENT
TO HEAVEN" - MY
PARENTS, AND MY
GRANDPARENTS AND
MYSELF
WITH THEM.



THOUGH
I WAS ONLY
SEVEN, I REALIZED
QUICKLY THAT THE
MARLEYAN AUTHORITIES
WERE CLOSING IN ON
THE RESTORATIONISTS
AND THEIR LEADER,
MY FATHER.



BUT
THEY
WERE
NAÏVE.

MY
PARENTS
WERE
RIGHT.



THAT
IS WHY I
TOOK THE
ACTIONS
YOU
ALLUDE
TO.



...WOULD
NEVER BE
ACHEIVED BY
THEIR BAND OF
COMPLACENT
JOKESTERS.

I
REALIZED
THE RESTORATION
OF THE
GLORIOUS
ELDIAN
EMPIRE...



I LAID WASTE
TO THE
ISLAND I
WAS MEANT
TO SAVE, AND
CONTINUED TO
SLAUGHTER
THE ELDIANS.

I
LEFT MY
PARENTS AND
ROSE THROUGH
THE RANKS OF
MARLEY'S
ARMY.



...BECAUSE
MARLEY
NEVER KNEW
I HAD ROYAL
BLOOD IN MY
VEINS.

I DID IT
BECAUSE I KNEW
MARLEY'S PLAN TO
RETAKE THE
FOUNDING TITAN
WOULD
MEAN THE
RESTORATION
OF ELDIA.



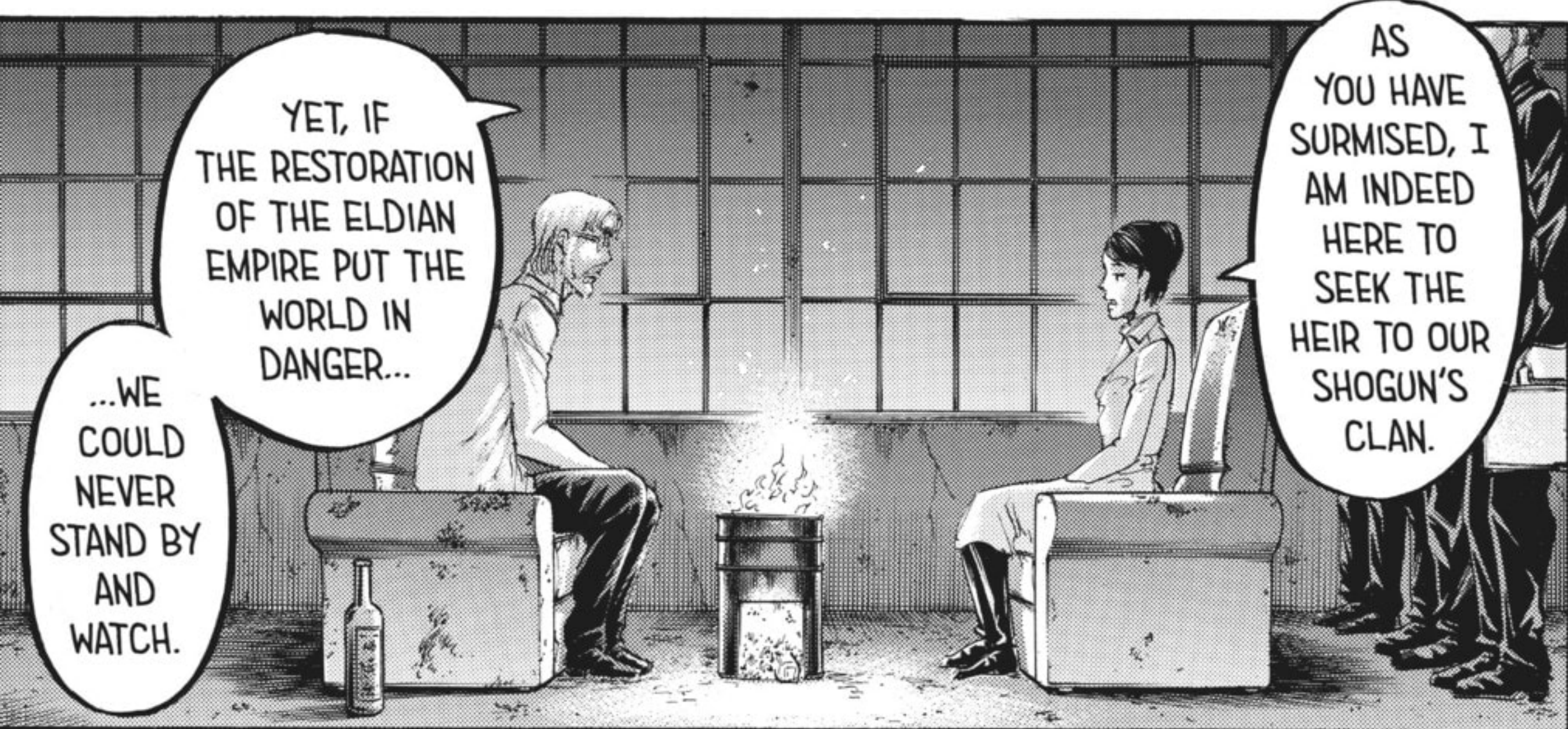
AND I KNOW THAT...

EVEN NOW, YOUR HOME-
LAND ...



...
COMES IN
CONTACT
WITH THE
FOUNDING
TITAN.

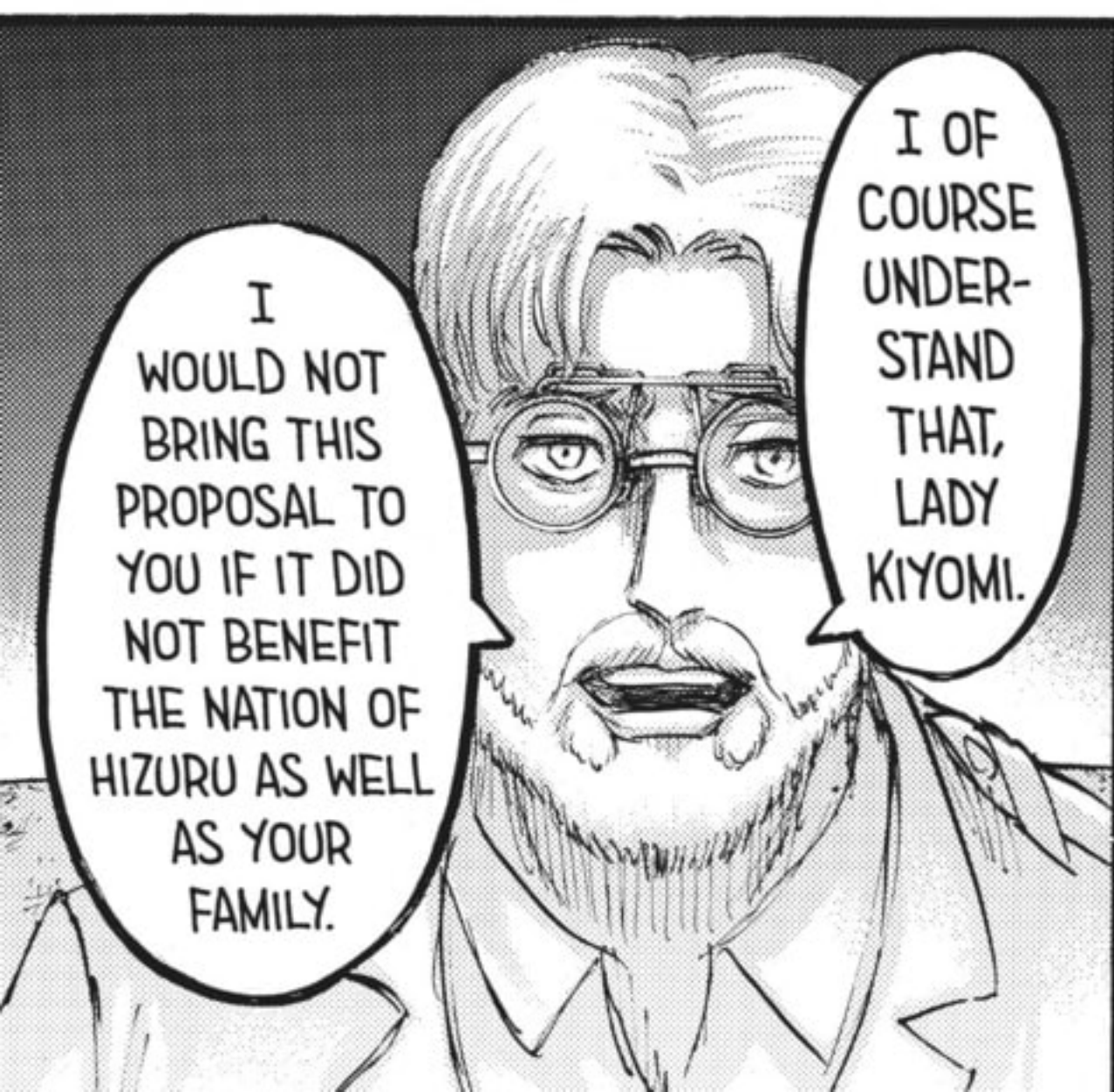
I MEAN
TO SAY
MARLEY HAS
NO IDEA WHAT
WILL HAPPEN
WHEN A TITAN
OF ROYAL
BLOOD...



YET, IF
THE RESTORATION
OF THE ELDIAN
EMPIRE PUT THE
WORLD IN
DANGER...

...WE
COULD
NEVER
STAND BY
AND
WATCH.

AS
YOU HAVE
SURMISED, I
AM INDEED
HERE TO
SEEK THE
HEIR TO OUR
SHOGUN'S
CLAN.



I
WOULD NOT
BRING THIS
PROPOSAL TO
YOU IF IT DID
NOT BENEFIT
THE NATION OF
HIZURU AS WELL
AS YOUR
FAMILY.

I OF
COURSE
UNDER-
STAND
THAT,
LADY
KIYOMI.

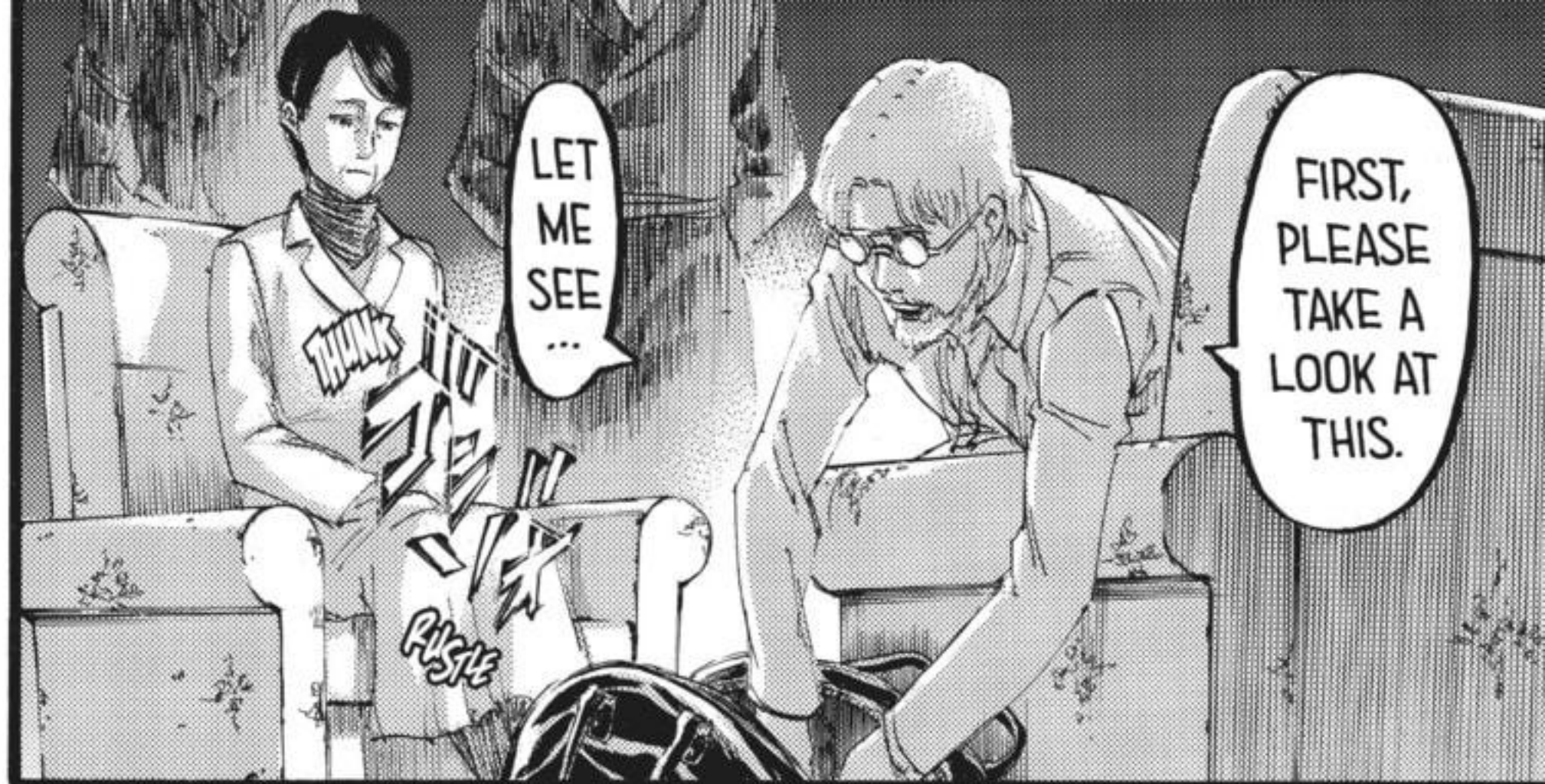


I REGRET
THE RESULT
WOULD LIKELY
BE THE SAME
WERE WE
FRIENDS OF
PARADIS TO
BE WIPED
OUT.

I
MAY ONE DAY
BE COMPELLED
TO CONFESS THE
DETAILS OF THIS
MEETING
TO MARLEY.



HOW
DID
...?



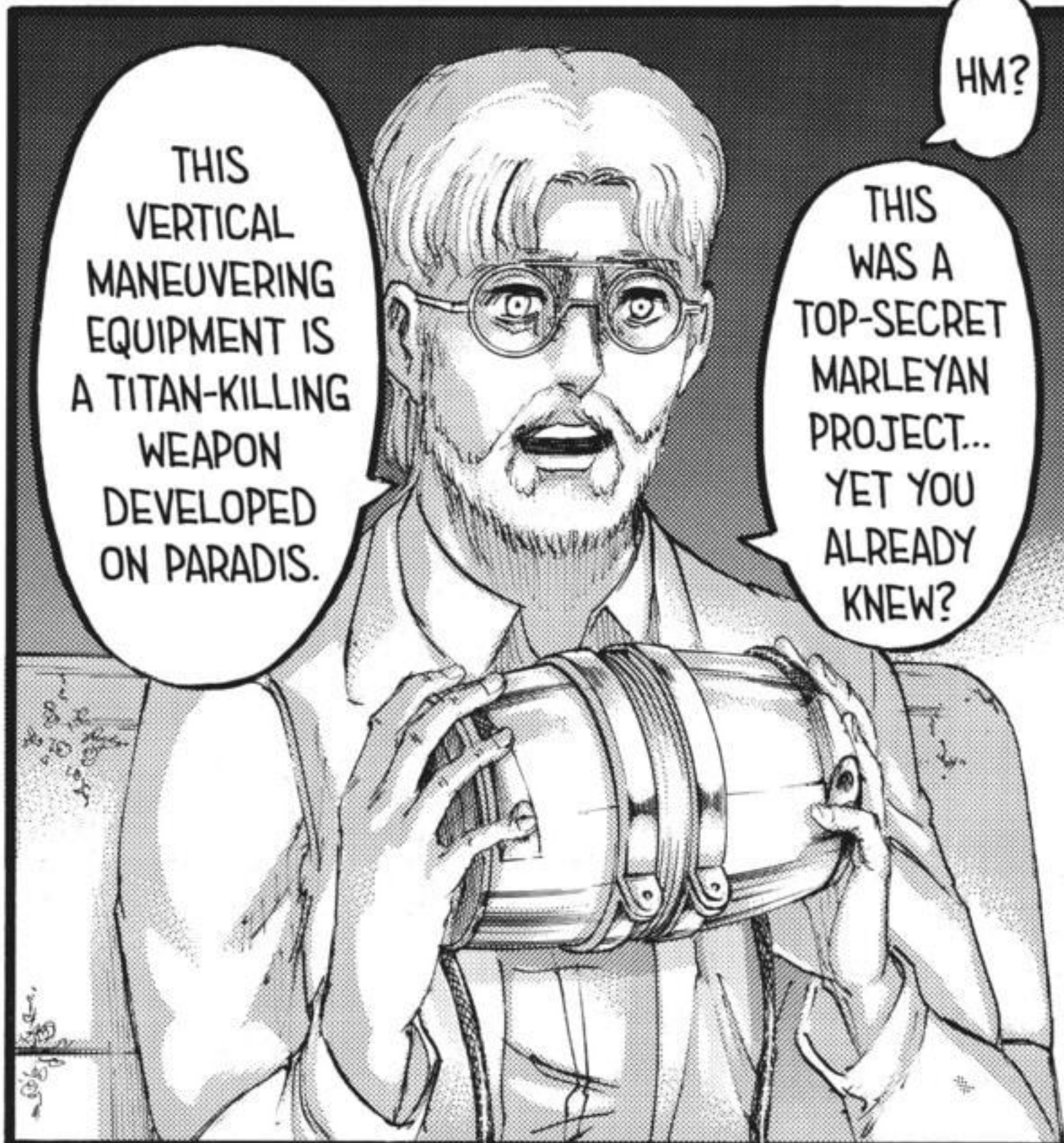
LET
ME
SEE
...

FIRST,
PLEASE
TAKE A
LOOK AT
THIS.



DON'T
WORRY. I DID
NOT TAKE THIS
PIECE OUT OF
MARLEYAN
CUSTODY.

I
PROCURED
THIS ON
MY OWN.



THIS
VERTICAL
MANEUVERING
EQUIPMENT IS
A TITAN-KILLING
WEAPON
DEVELOPED
ON PARADIS.

THIS
WAS A
TOP-SECRET
MARLEYAN
PROJECT...
YET YOU
ALREADY
KNEW?

HM?



THEY
CALLED IT
**ICEBURST
STONE.**



BUT KNOW
THAT YOU'LL
NEED A SPECIAL
KIND OF FUEL IN
ORDER TO MAKE
THIS WEAPON
WORK.

CONSIDER
IT A GIFT.



THEY SAY
THAT THE KING OF
THE TITANS DUG GI-
ANT HOLES ON PARA-
DIS AND STOCKPILED
TREASURES CREATED
BY THE POWER OF
THE TITANS...
BURNING STONES AND
GLOWING STONES.

THERE HAVE
LONG BEEN
WHISPERS
ABOUT IT.

VERY
LITTLE IS
KNOWN ABOUT
IT, SINCE IT
HAS ONLY BEEN
MINED ON
PARADIS.



WHILE
THEY MUST BE
SMALL, THERE ARE
SURELY TRACES OF
THIS ICEBURST STONE
WITHIN THAT
WEAPON.



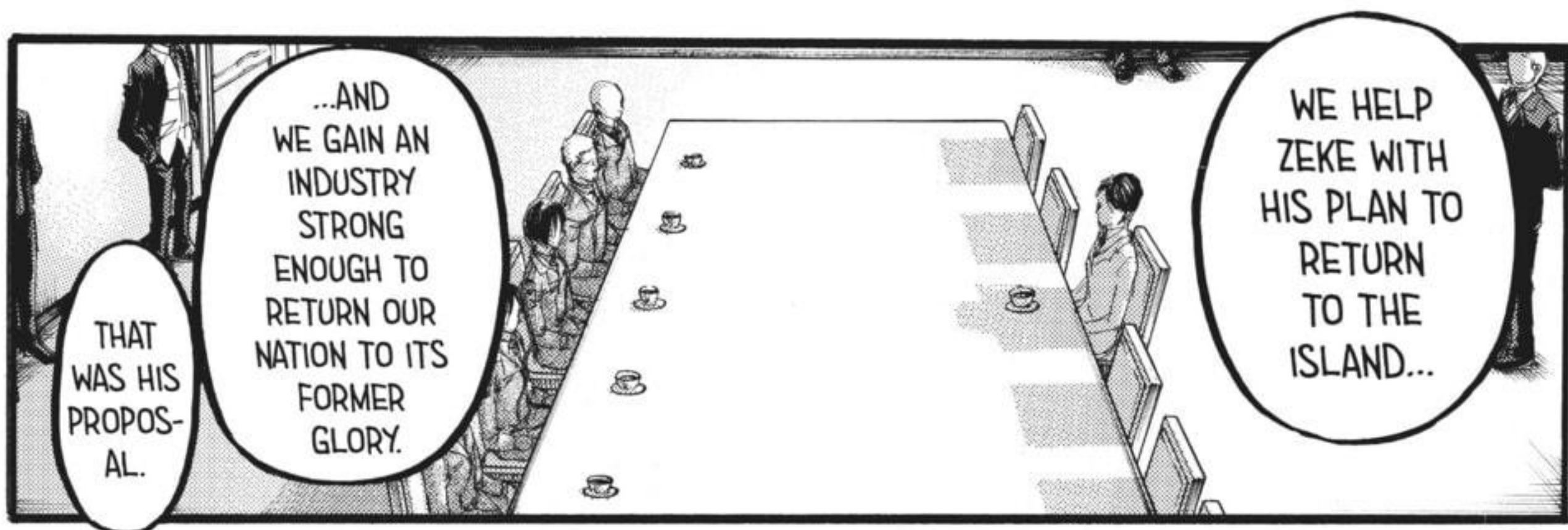
...SHOULD
TIE HIZURU
AND PARADIS
TOGETHER.

THIS
INFOR-
MATION
...

BUT
YOUR
NATION
DOES.



I
DOUBT THAT
THE PEOPLE
OF PARADIS
HAVE ANY IDEA
OF THE TRUE
VALUE OF THIS
RESOURCE.



THAT WAS HIS PROPOSAL.

...AND WE GAIN AN INDUSTRY STRONG ENOUGH TO RETURN OUR NATION TO ITS FORMER GLORY.

WE HELP ZEKE WITH HIS PLAN TO RETURN TO THE ISLAND...



OH, I SHOULD REASSURE YOU THAT THIS HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH OUR CONGLOMERATE'S RECENT EXPANSION PLANS.

IF HE SPEAKS TRUTH, THIS POWER THAT SLEEPS ON YOUR ISLAND COULD CHANGE OUR WORLD.

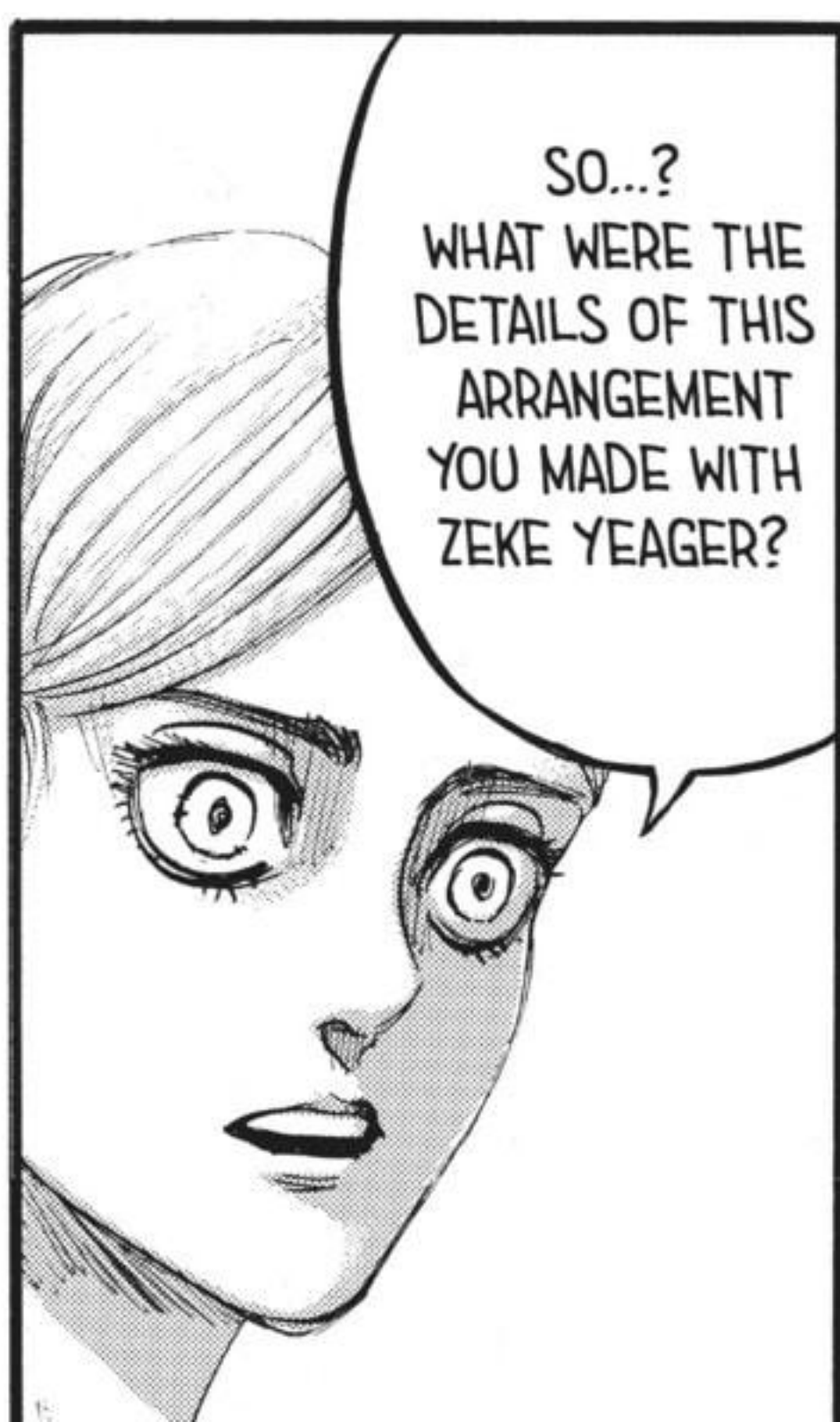
HOWEVER ...

OF COURSE, HE HASN'T EVEN SURVEYED THE RESERVES!



MY GOODNESS...HOW UNSEEMLY OF ME.

MISS KIYOMI, PLEASE.



SO...? WHAT WERE THE DETAILS OF THIS ARRANGEMENT YOU MADE WITH ZEKE YEAGER?



I SUPPOSE NO ONE WOULD RISK COMING TO THIS ISLAND IF NOT TO MAKE MONEY, AFTER ALL.



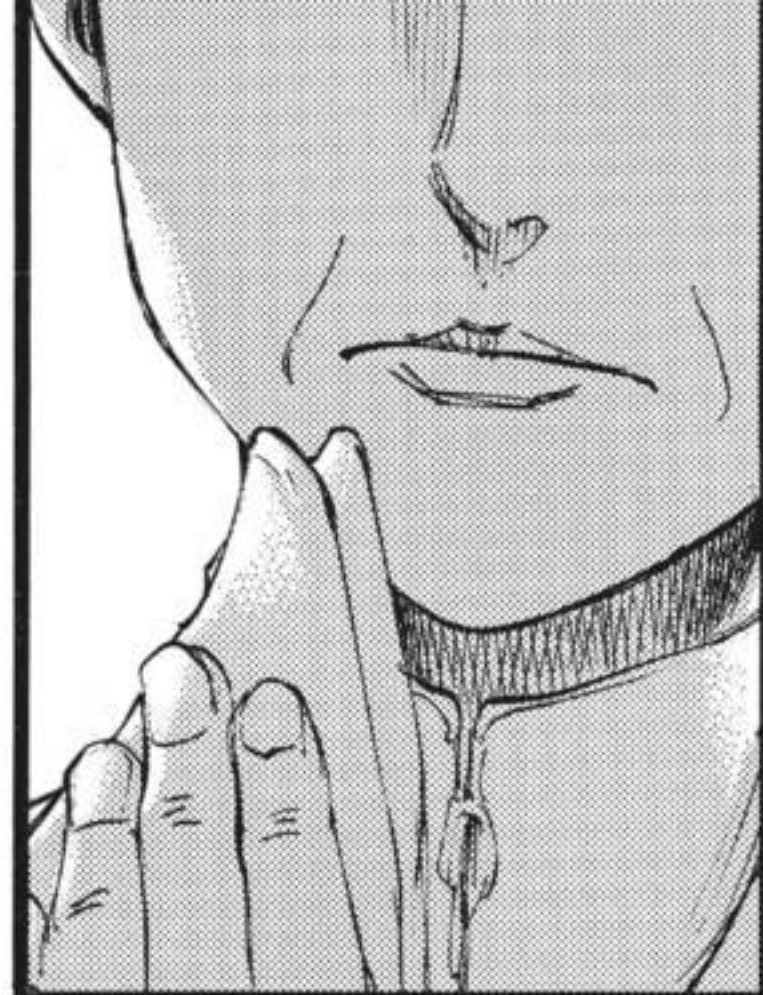
YELENA DID SAY THE NEGOTIATIONS WOULD GO WELL BECAUSE THE AZUMABITOS ARE MONEY GRUBBERS.

SO WAS I JUST AN EXCUSE?



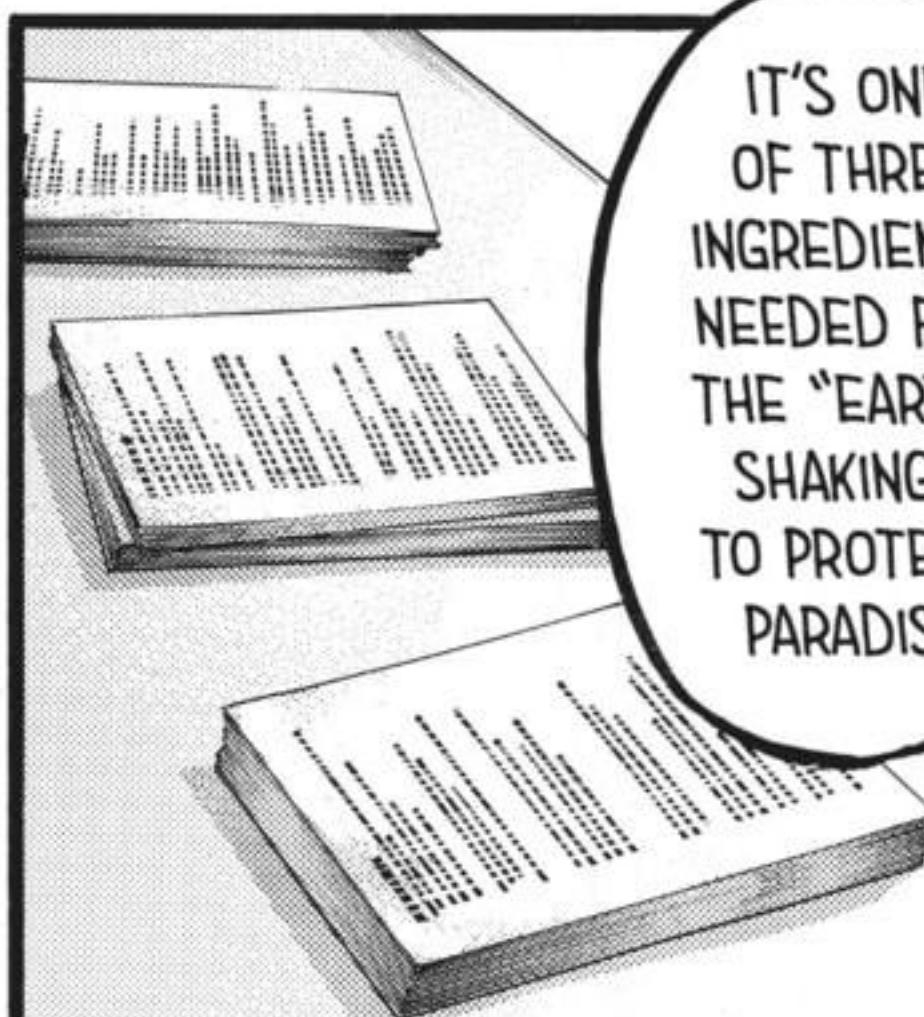
THIS PLAN IS SUPPOSED TO SAVE ELDIA AND THE WORLD, BUT IT REQUIRES HIZURU'S MEDIATION.

AS YOU KNOW, ZEKE YEAGER CLAIMS TO HAVE A SECRET PLAN.



YOU MUST SHOW THE WORLD ITS DESTRUCTIVE POTENTIAL BY UNLEASHING IT IN PART.

THE FIRST IS A TEST OF THIS EARTH-SHAKING WEAPON.

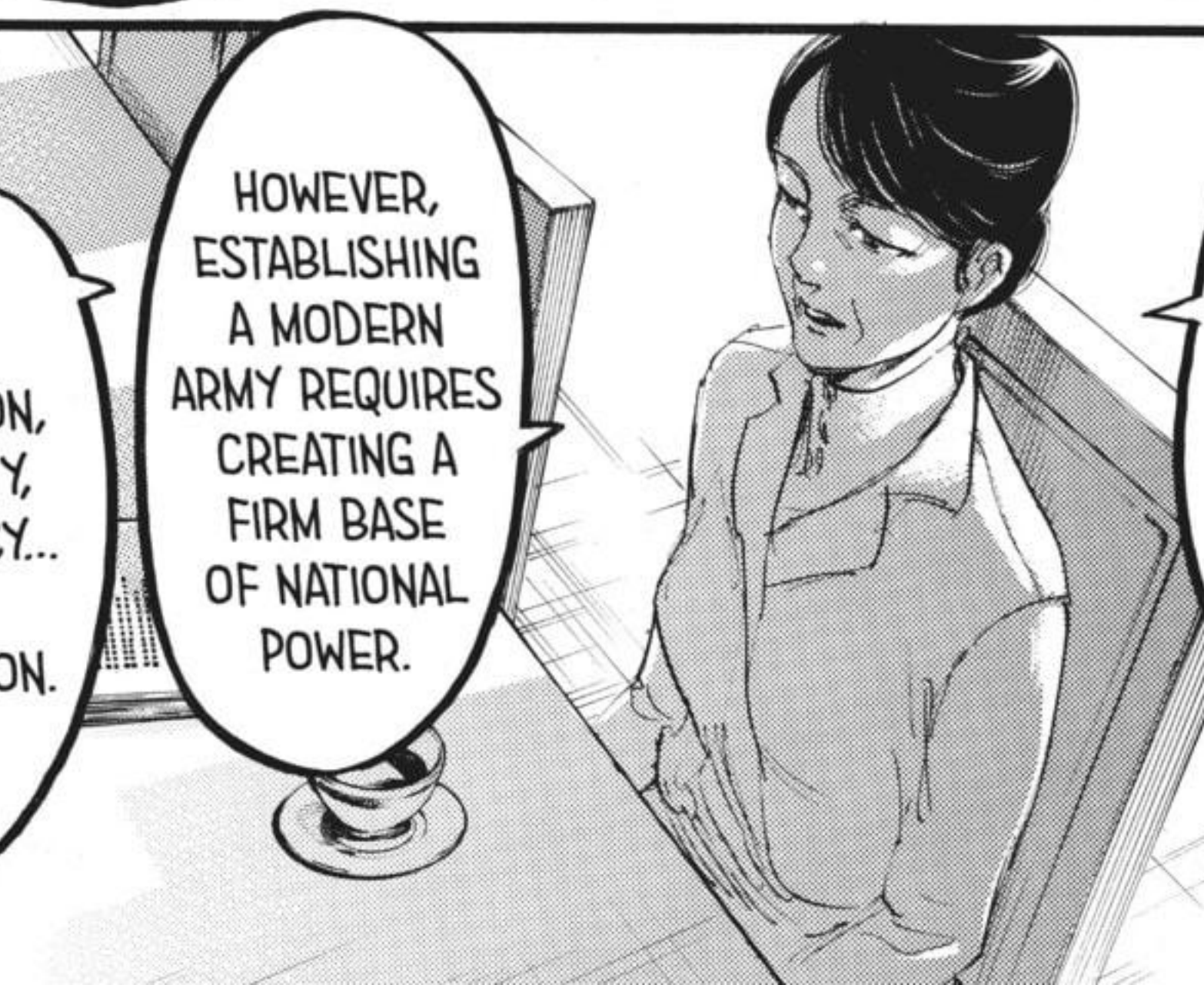


IT'S ONE OF THREE INGREDIENTS NEEDED FOR THE "EARTH-SHAKING" TO PROTECT PARADIS.



OUR GOAL WILL BE TO RAISE THE MILITARY STRENGTH OF THIS NATION SO THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE TO RELY SOLELY ON SHAKING THE EARTH.

NEXT IS HIZURU'S MEDIATION.



EDUCATION, ECONOMY, DIPLOMACY... AND POPULATION.

HOWEVER, ESTABLISHING A MODERN ARMY REQUIRES CREATING A FIRM BASE OF NATIONAL POWER.

INTRODUCING THE LATEST WEAPONS TO THIS ISLAND IS NOT A DIFFICULT PROCESS IN ITSELF.



...! ...AND A TITAN OF ROYAL BLOOD.

BUT IT WILL SURELY TAKE AT LEAST 50.

YOU WON'T NEED THE FULL 100 YEARS TO CATCH UP.

YOU ARE 100 YEARS BEHIND THE REST OF THE WORLD.

YOU MUST ALWAYS POSSESS THE FOUNDING TITAN...

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU MUST USE THE EARTH-SHAKING TO PROTECT THIS ISLAND FOR 50 YEARS.

ZEKE WILL PASS DOWN THE BEAST TITAN TO ONE WITH ROYAL BLOOD.

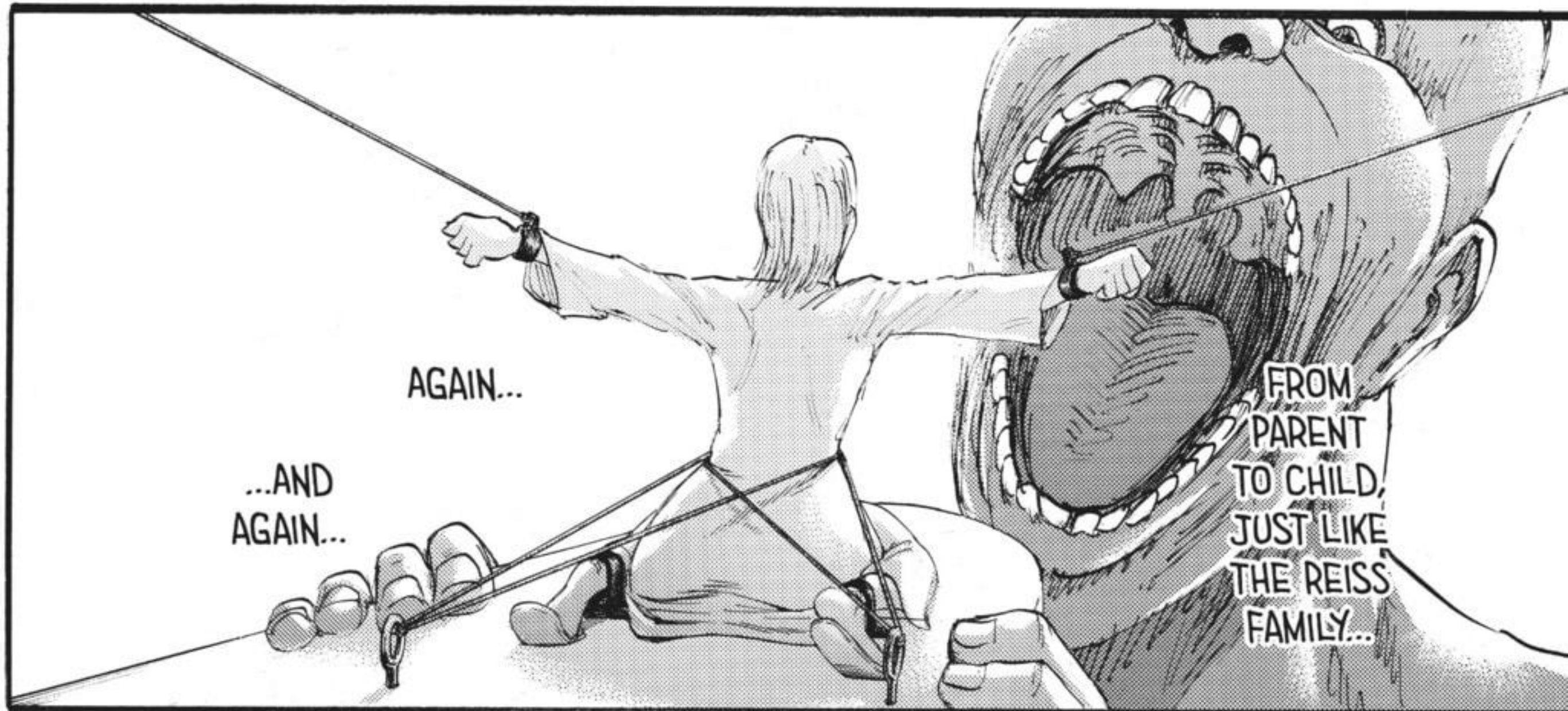
THIS IS THE THIRD ELEMENT.



IF WE MUST DEPEND ON IT,
THE DANGER OF ASSASSINATION
WOULD FOLLOW THESE HEIRS
TO THE ROYAL FAMILY DOWN
THROUGH THE GENERATIONS...

NO MATTER
WHAT ELSE MIGHT
BE DEVELOPED, THE
EARTH-SHAKING IS
AN IMMENSELY
POWERFUL WEAPON...

WILL IT
REALLY END IN
50 YEARS...?



AGAIN...

...AND
AGAIN...

FROM
PARENT
TO CHILD,
JUST LIKE
THE REISS
FAMILY...



JUST BECAUSE IT
SAVES US NOW...

...DOES THAT
MEAN WE SHOULD
LEAVE OUR CHILDREN
IN A LOSE-LOSE
SITUATION?

THERE'S
NO WAY THIS
COULD BE
ALLOWED...

OF
COURSE
NOT.

...AND YET.

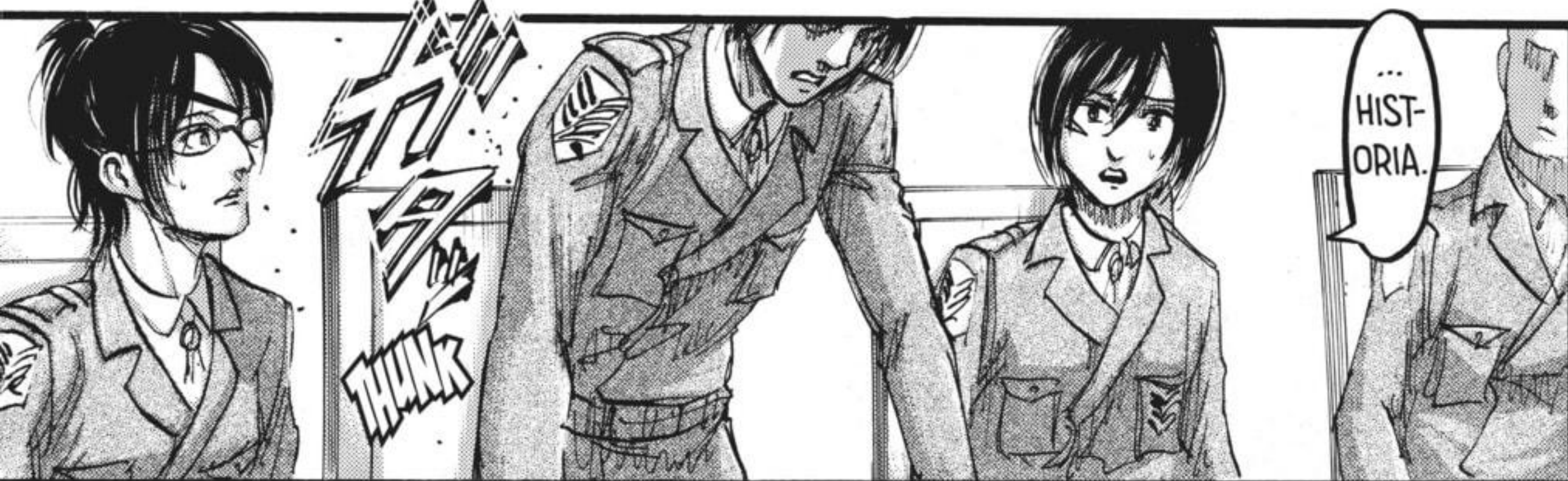
VERY
WELL.





SO
LONG AS THE
EARTH-SHAKING
IS NECESSARY TO
OUR CONTINUED
EXISTENCE.

I
WILL AGREE
TO INHERIT
THE BEAST
TITAN.



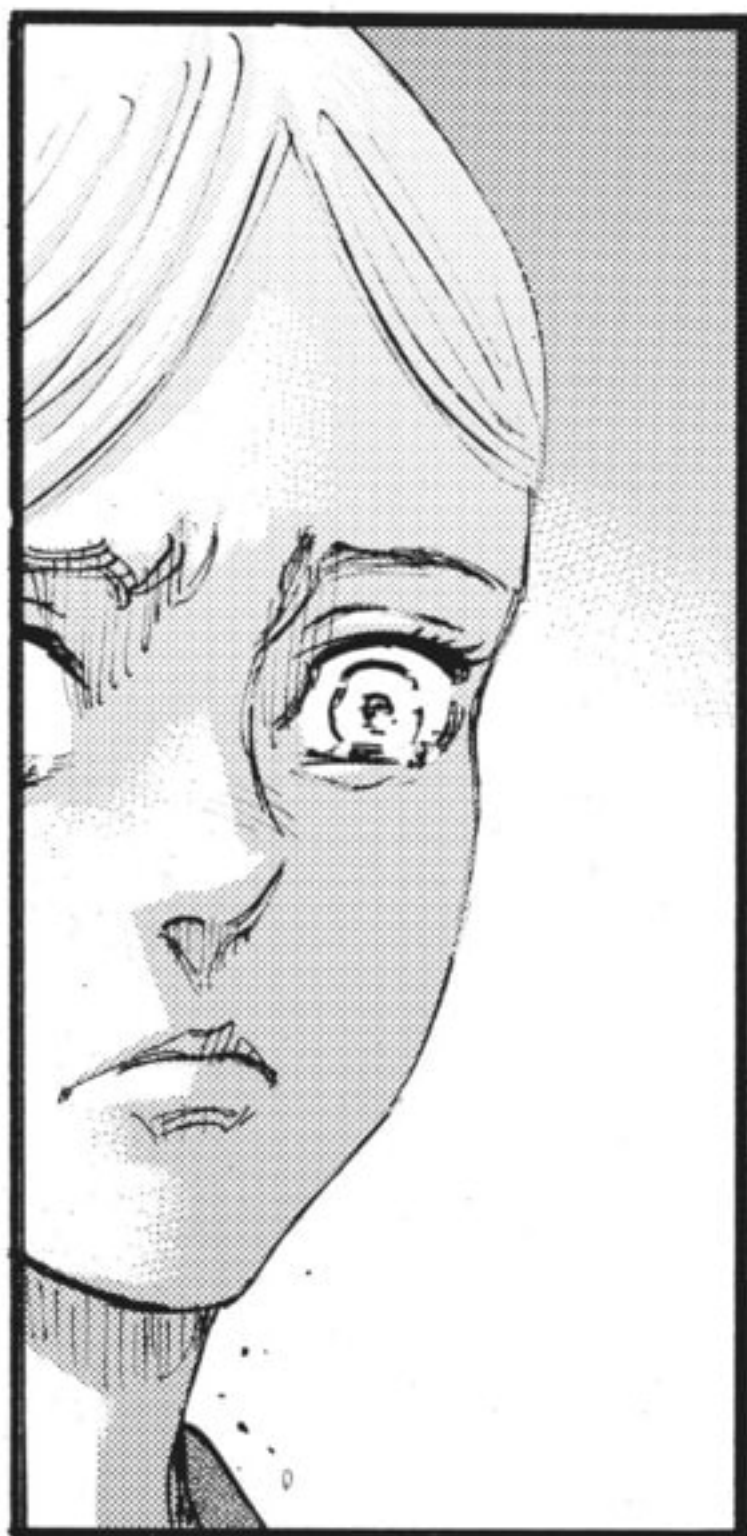
...
HIST-
ORIA.



...I WILL
ABSOLUTELY
NOT ACCEPT
ZEKE
YEAGER'S
PLAN.

...WITH
BROKEN
WALLS,
TRAMPLED LAND,
AND CHILDREN
BRED AND
KILLED LIKE
LIVESTOCK
...

IF IT
MEANS
PAYING
FOR OUR
LIVES...



WOULDN'T IT
BE BETTER FOR US
TO USE ALL THE
TIME WE HAVE LEFT
TO CONSIDER EVERY
OPTION
POSSIBLE?

IT IS
DANGEROUS
TO ENTRUST
OUR FATE
TO THE
POTENTIAL
TO SHAKE
THE
EARTH.



AND
WE WILL
CONTINUE
TO HELP
MEDIATE
BETWEEN YOU
AND ZEKE
YEAGER.

YES...
YOU
NEED
NOT RUSH
TO A
DECISION
YET.



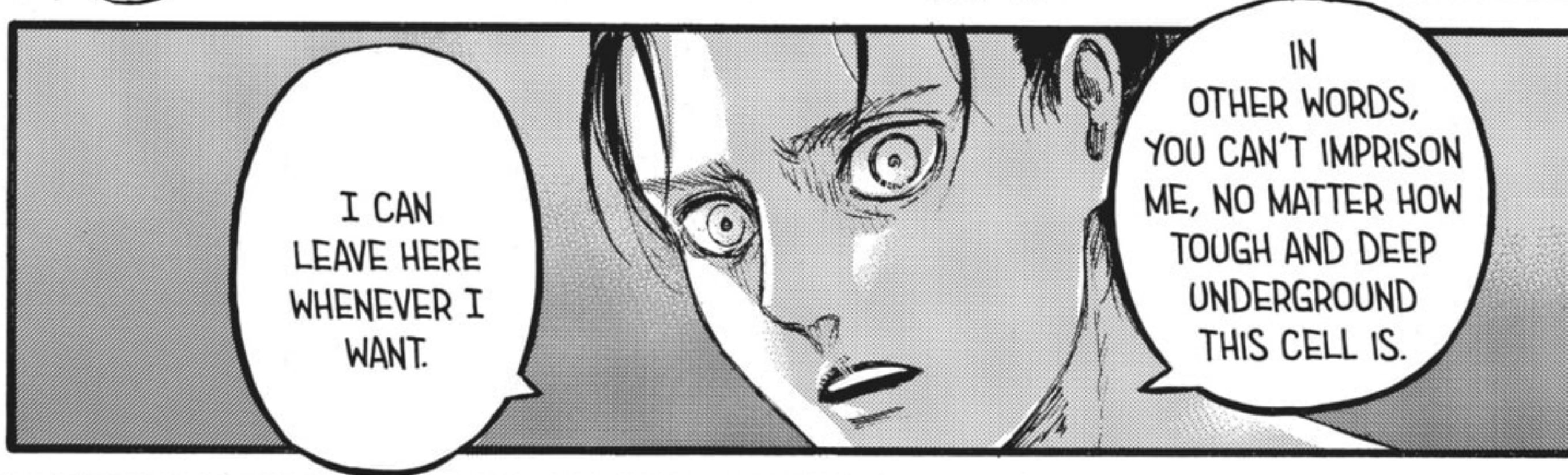




IT WAS AN ANNOYING ENEMY.

IT CONTROLS TITAN HARDENING TO CREATE WEAPONS, OR ANYTHING IT NEEDS, FROM UNDERGROUND.

...WHAT?



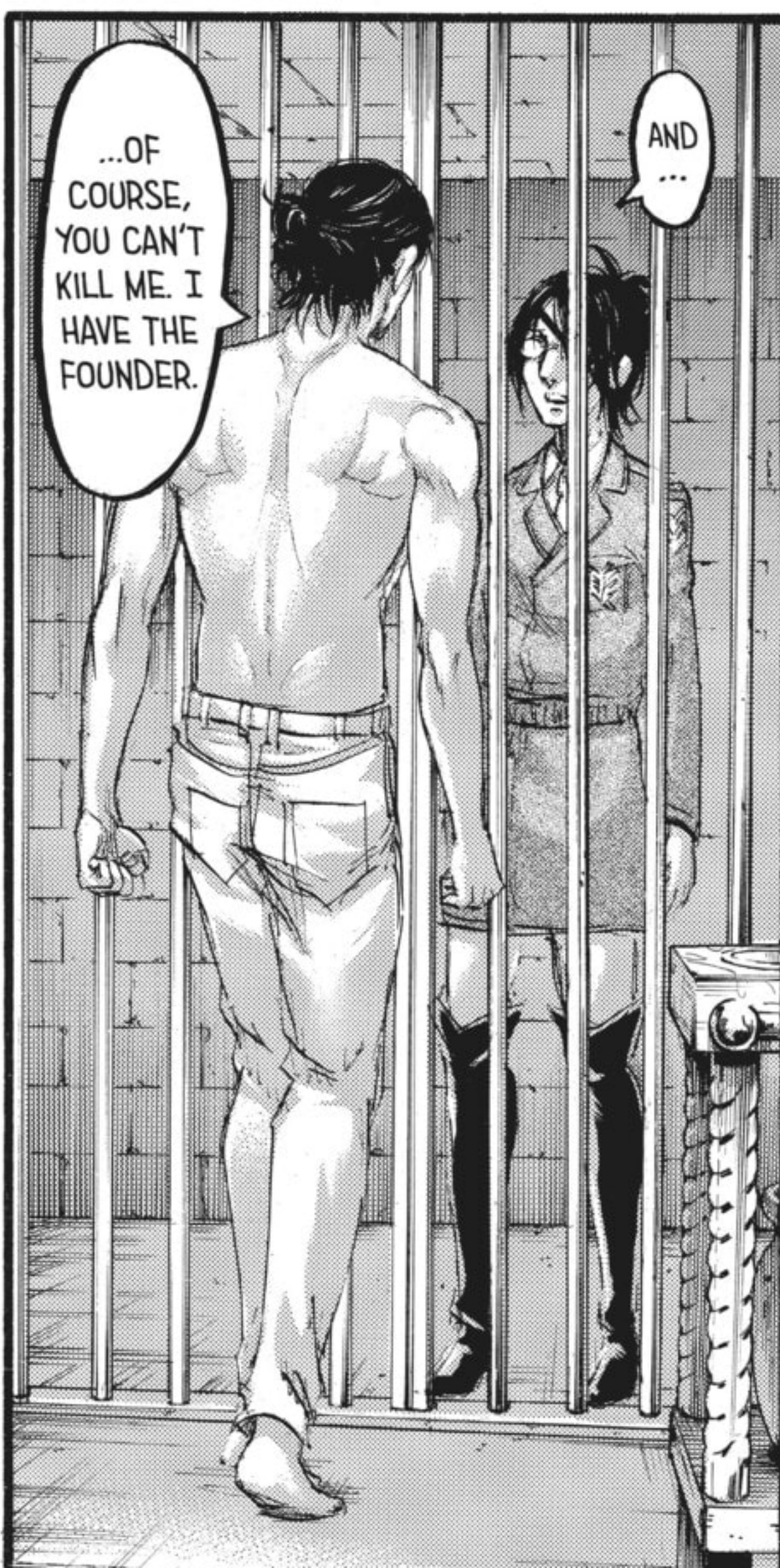
I CAN LEAVE HERE WHENEVER I WANT.

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU CAN'T IMPRISON ME, NO MATTER HOW TOUGH AND DEEP UNDERGROUND THIS CELL IS.



...YOU CAN'T KILL ZEKE, EITHER.

WHAT'S MORE, THREATS ASIDE...



...OF COURSE, YOU CAN'T KILL ME. I HAVE THE FOUNDER.

AND ...





GRASP

HUH?!



TELL ME,
HANGE!



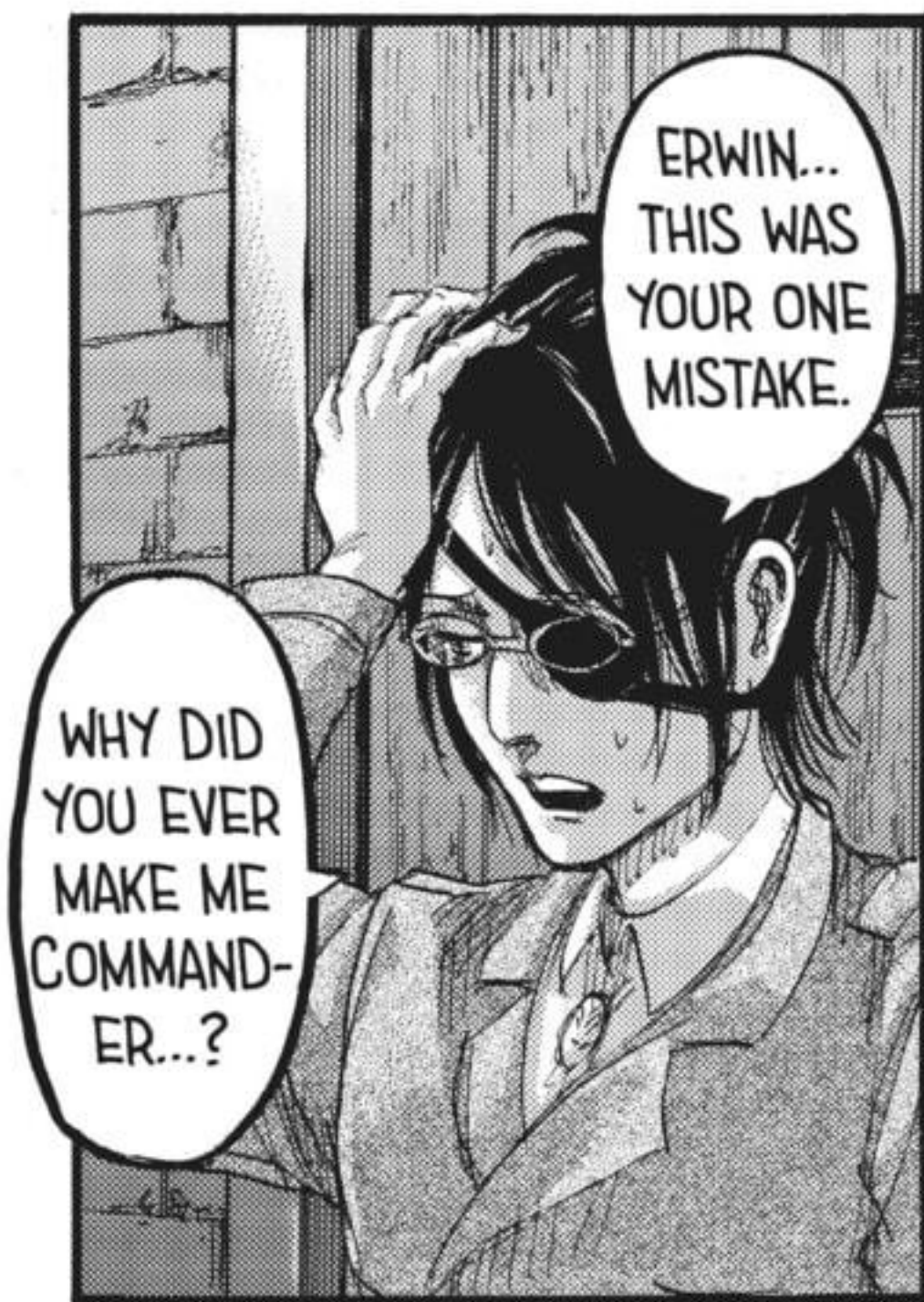
I WANT
TO KNOW.
WHAT CAN
YOU DO?

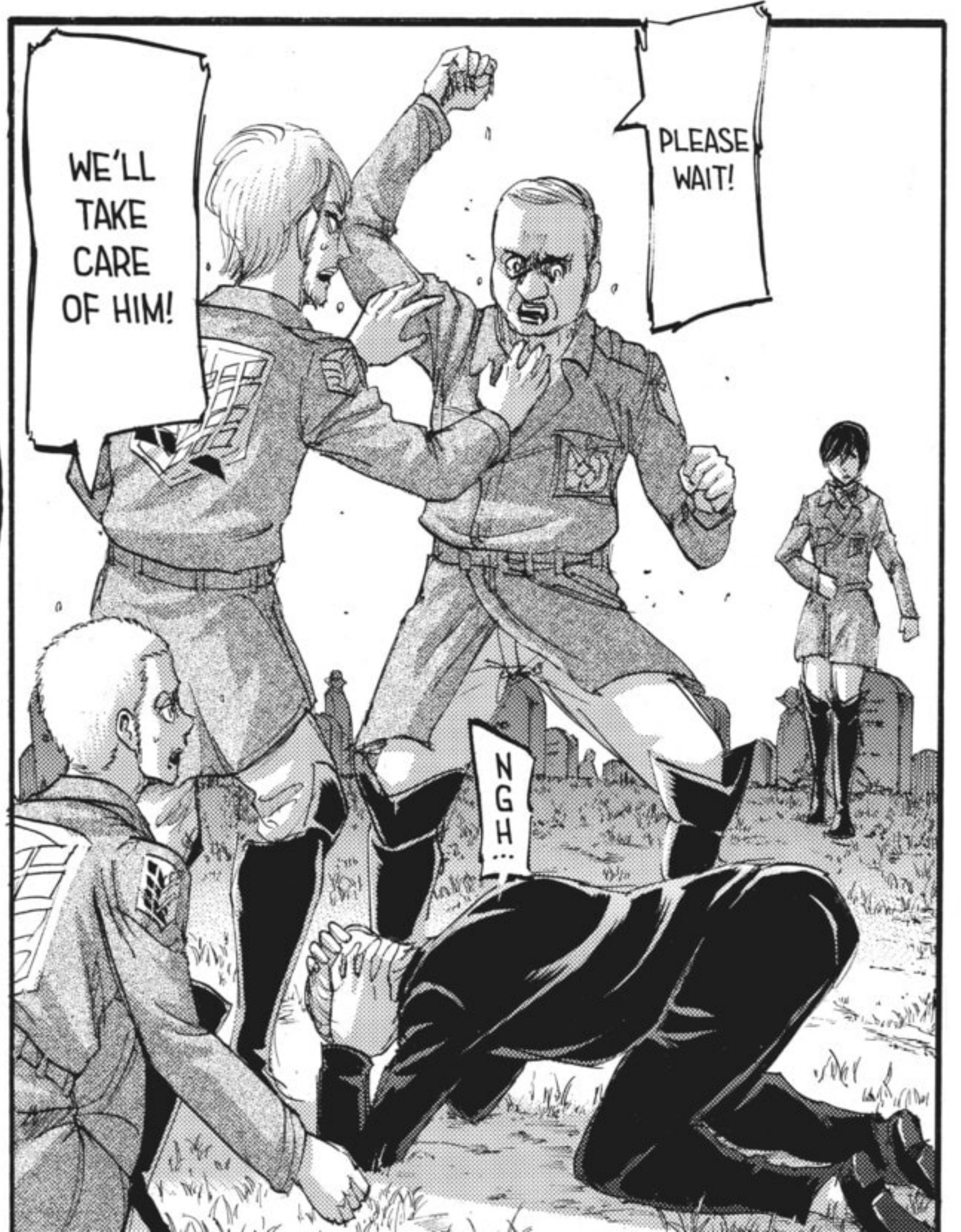
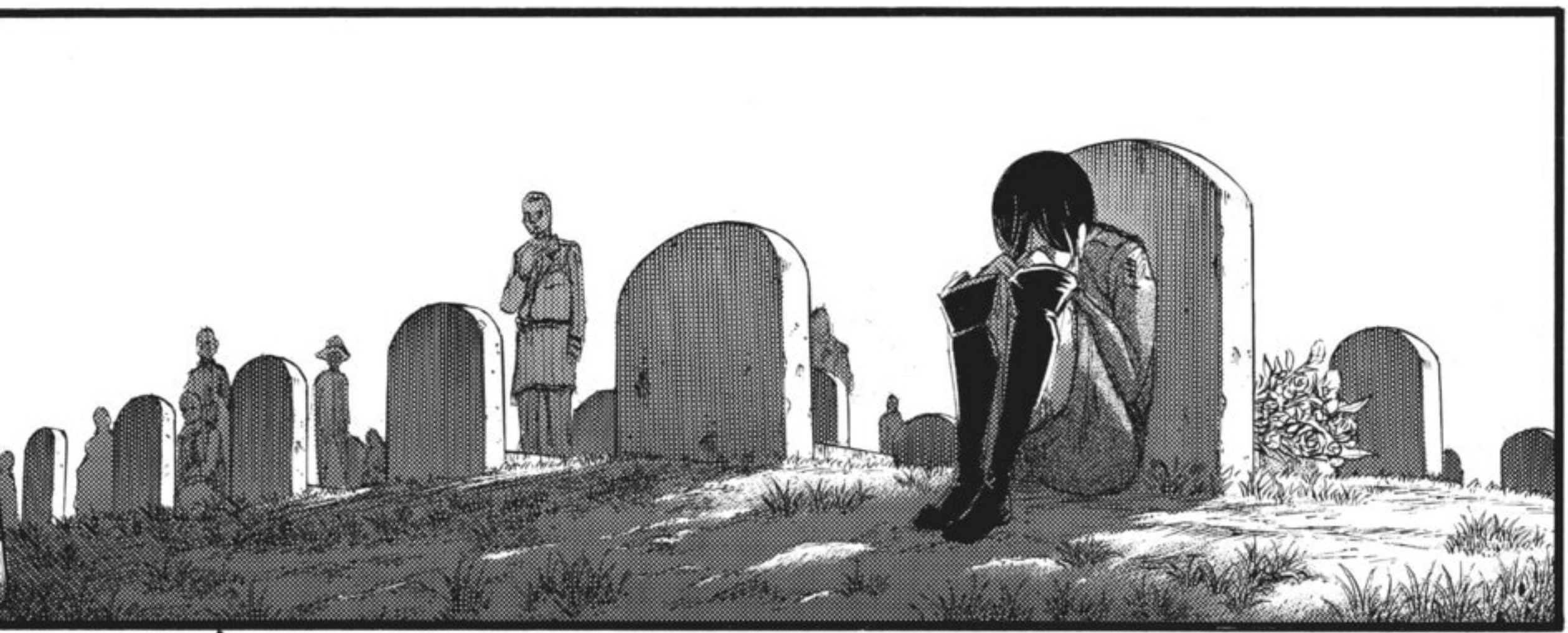
IN
OTHER
WORDS,
HANGE.



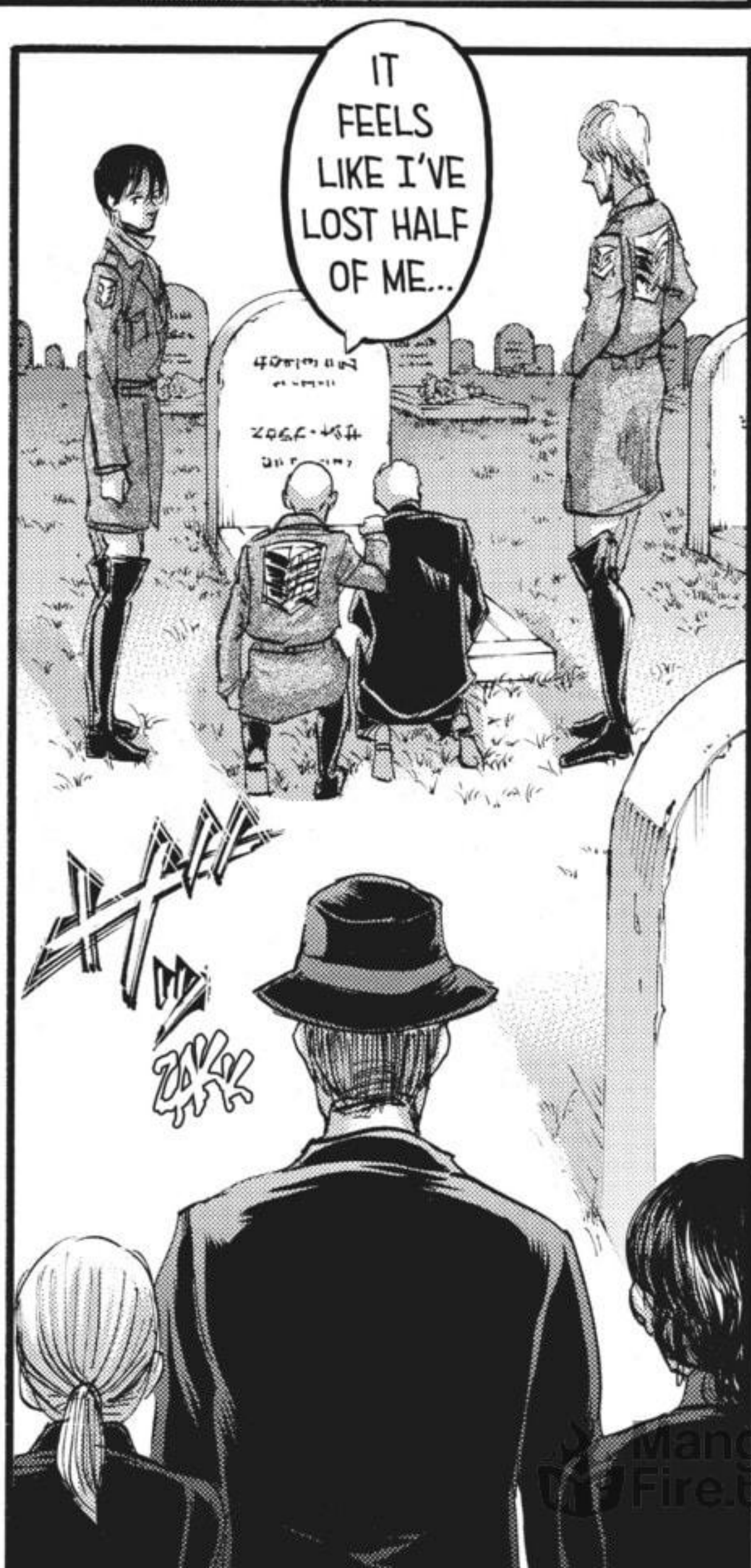
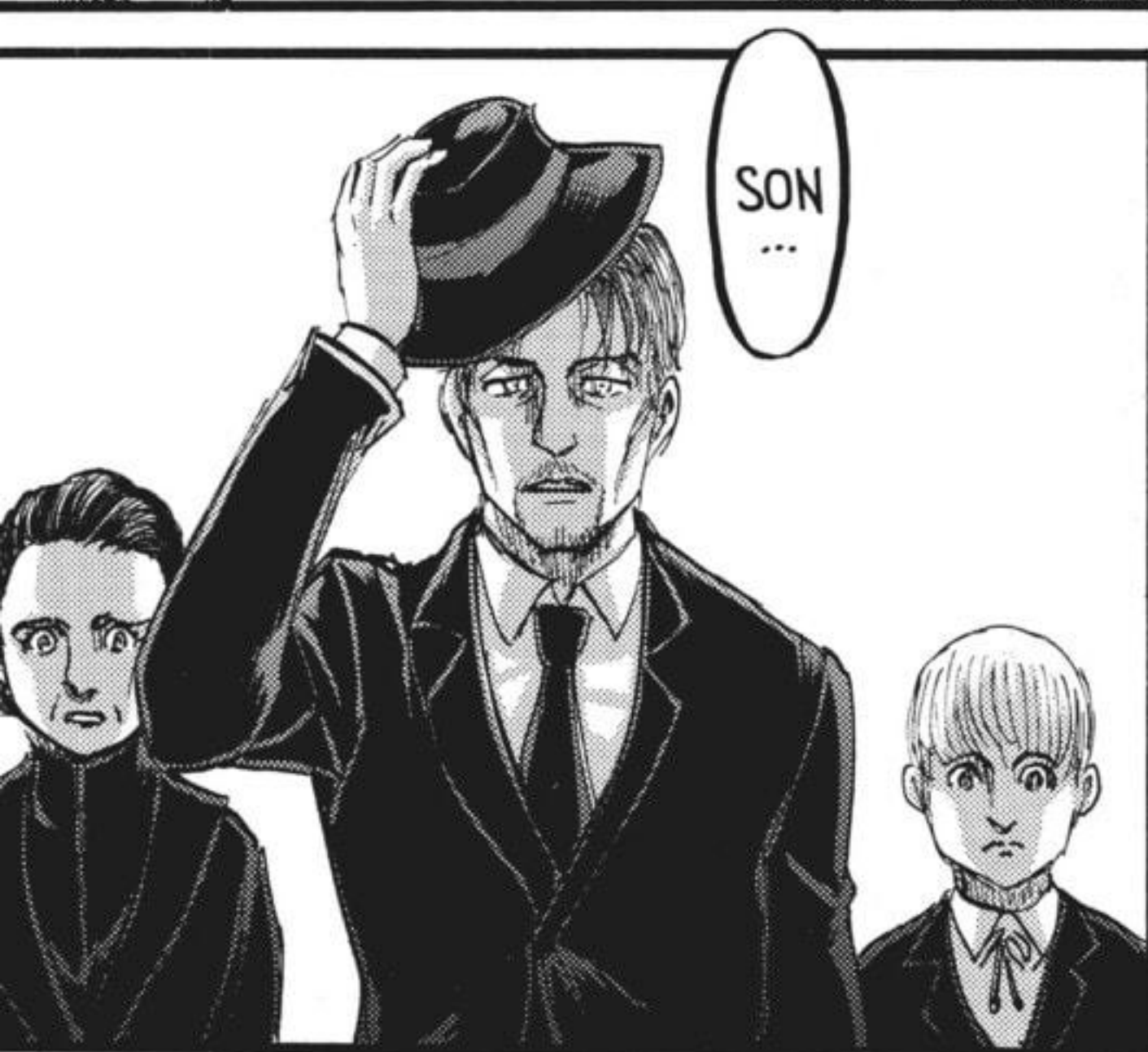
IF
THERE'S
ANOTHER
WAY...

THEN
TELL
ME
WHAT
IT IS!!

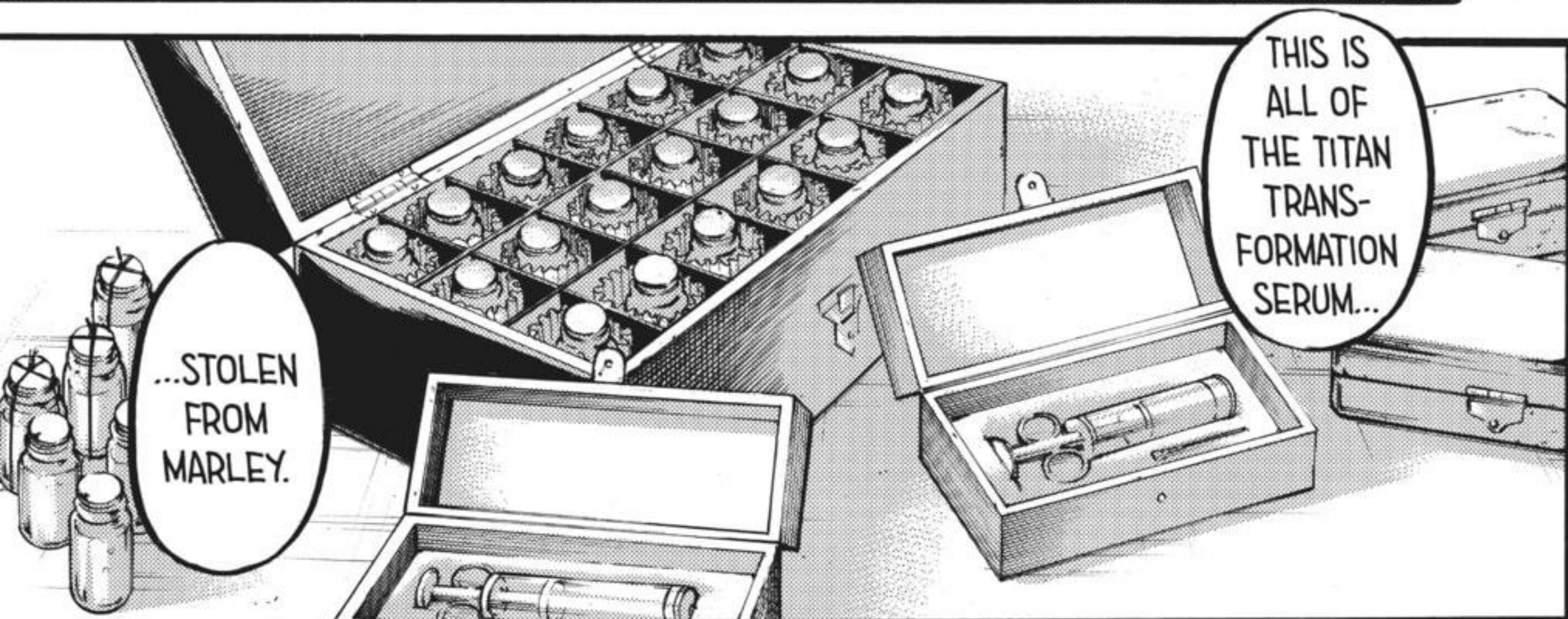
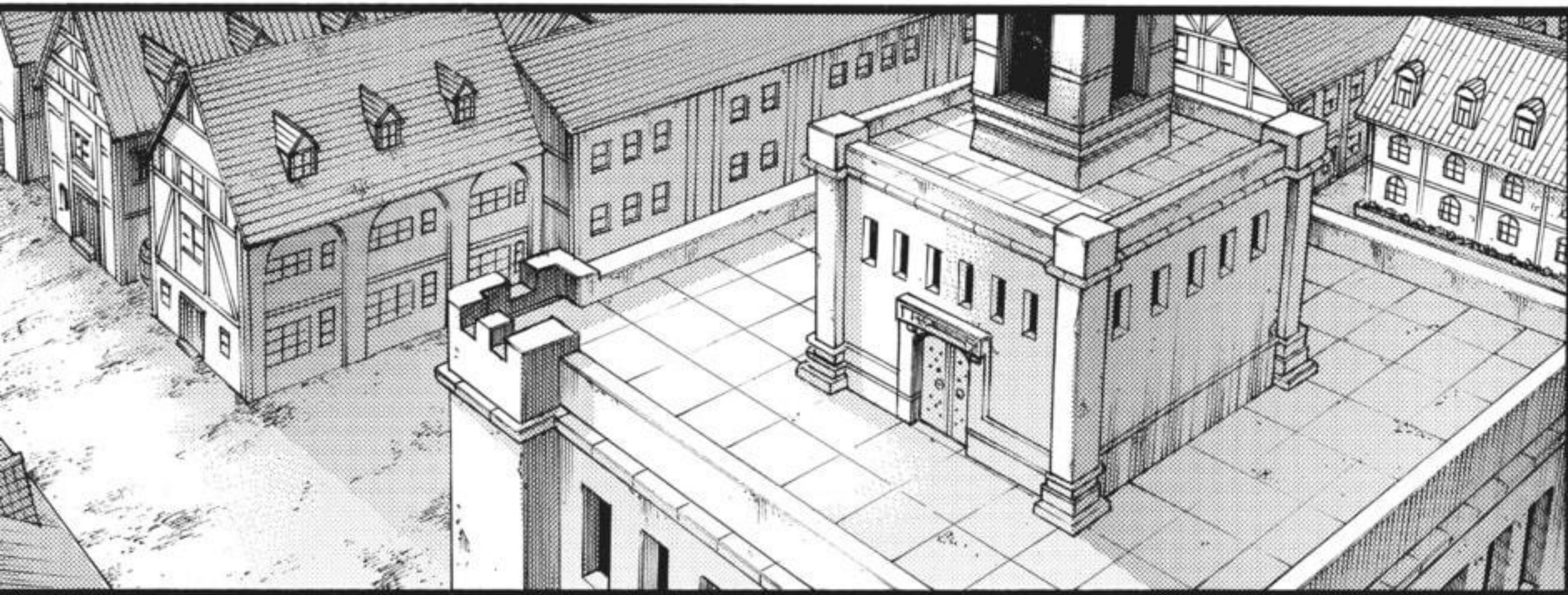














WE
REALLY
SHOULD
THANK
YOU FOR
THIS...

NO, THIS
OUGHT TO BE
ENOUGH.



ONLY
DEVILS WOULD
DOUBT THEIR
OWN SAVIORS.

YOU'VE LED US
FROM IGNORANCE
TO HOPE, AND WE'VE
GIVEN YOU NOTHING
IN RETURN.



IT'S
UNFORTU-
NATE.

...WE'VE PROVED
THAT WE ARE FRIENDS
TO THE ELDIANS OVER
THESE PAST THREE
YEARS.

I
FEEL
...



...WERE
MEANT TO
BRING
FREEDOM TO
ELDIANS.
YET...

THOSE
GUNS WE
BROUGHT
YOU...



...BUT
PLEASE
OVERLOOK OUR
WEAKNESS
FOR A
TIME.

FORGIVE
MY
SELFISH-
NESS...

WE
HAVE NO
CHOICE BUT
TO PLACE
SHACKLES
ON ZEKE.



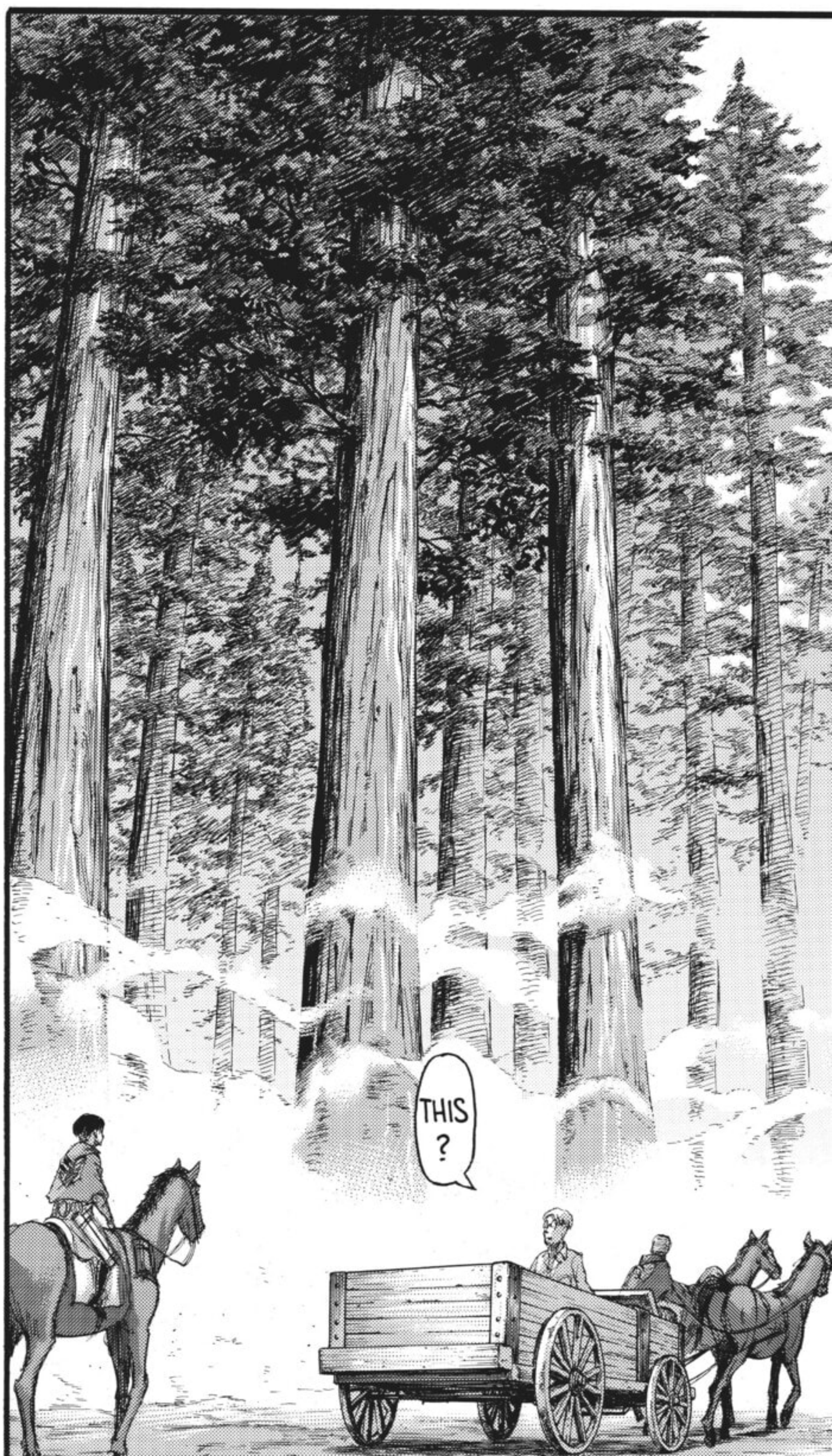
THE DAY
WILL SOON
COME WHEN WE
SIT AROUND THE
SAME DINNER
TABLE ONCE
AGAIN.

THAT'S
FINE WITH
ME, COM-
MANDER
PIXIS.



...MORE
THAN WE
DO.

YOU
MUST
BELIEVE
THAT NO ONE
HOPES FOR
THAT
DAY...





SO YOU
WON'T BE
TOSSING
ANYTHING
AROUND OR
TAKING ANY
EXCURSIONS.

NO
HANDY
ROCKS,
EITHER.

IT
WON'T
BE EASY
TO GET
OUT ON
YOUR OWN.

A
FOREST OF
GIANT TREES
THAT GROW
AS HIGH AS
80 METERS
TALL.



STILL...
NOTHING
LIKE THIS
EXISTS ANY-
WHERE
ELSE.

LOOKS LIKE
A FUN SPOT
FOR LOTS
OF VERTICAL
MANEUVER-
ING, TOO.



...SO
YOU'RE
WORRIED
ABOUT THOSE
BRATS?



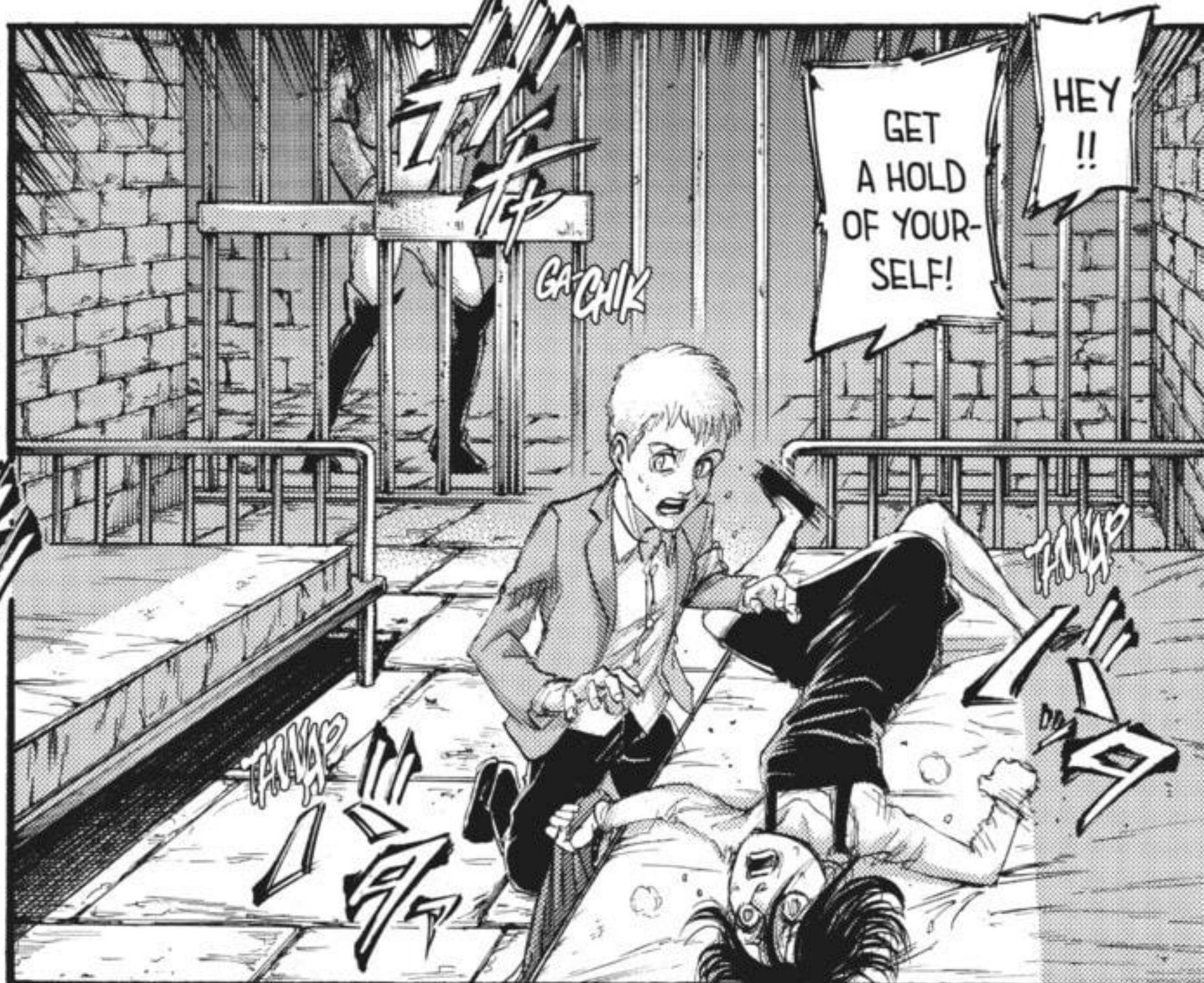
..IS
UP TO
YOU.

WHETHER
OR NOT
THEY GET
TO SEE
THIS VAST
WILDER-
NESS...

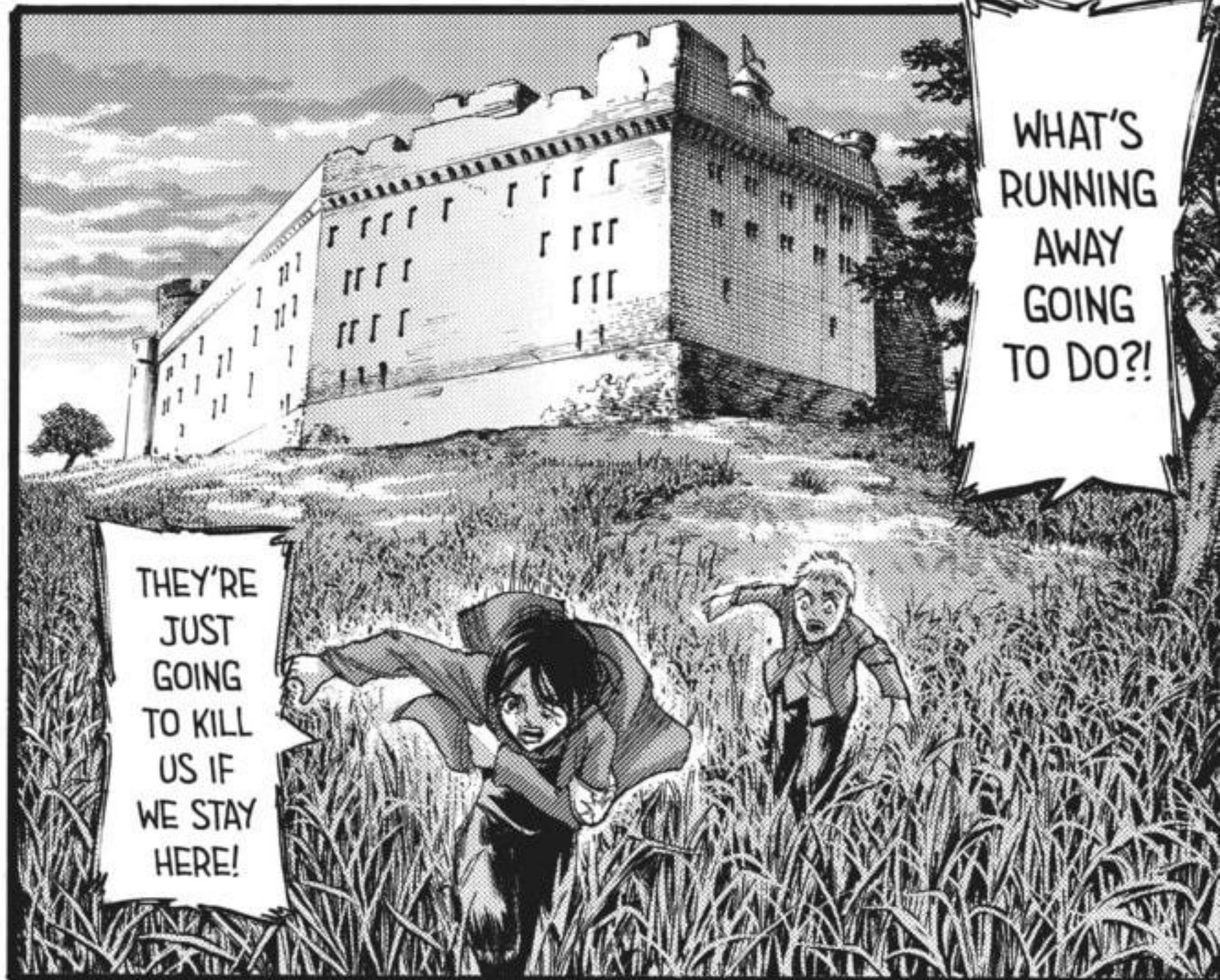
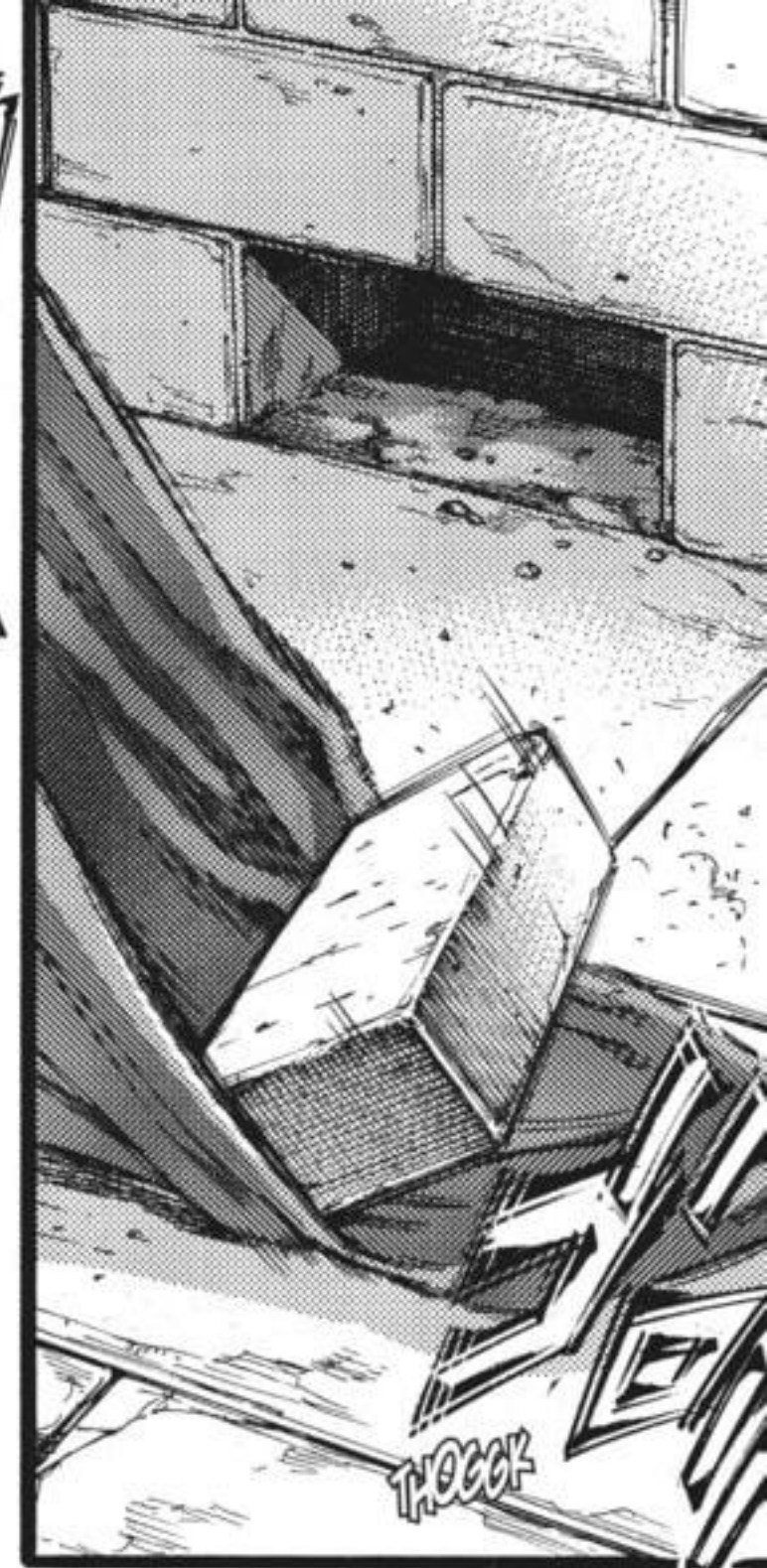


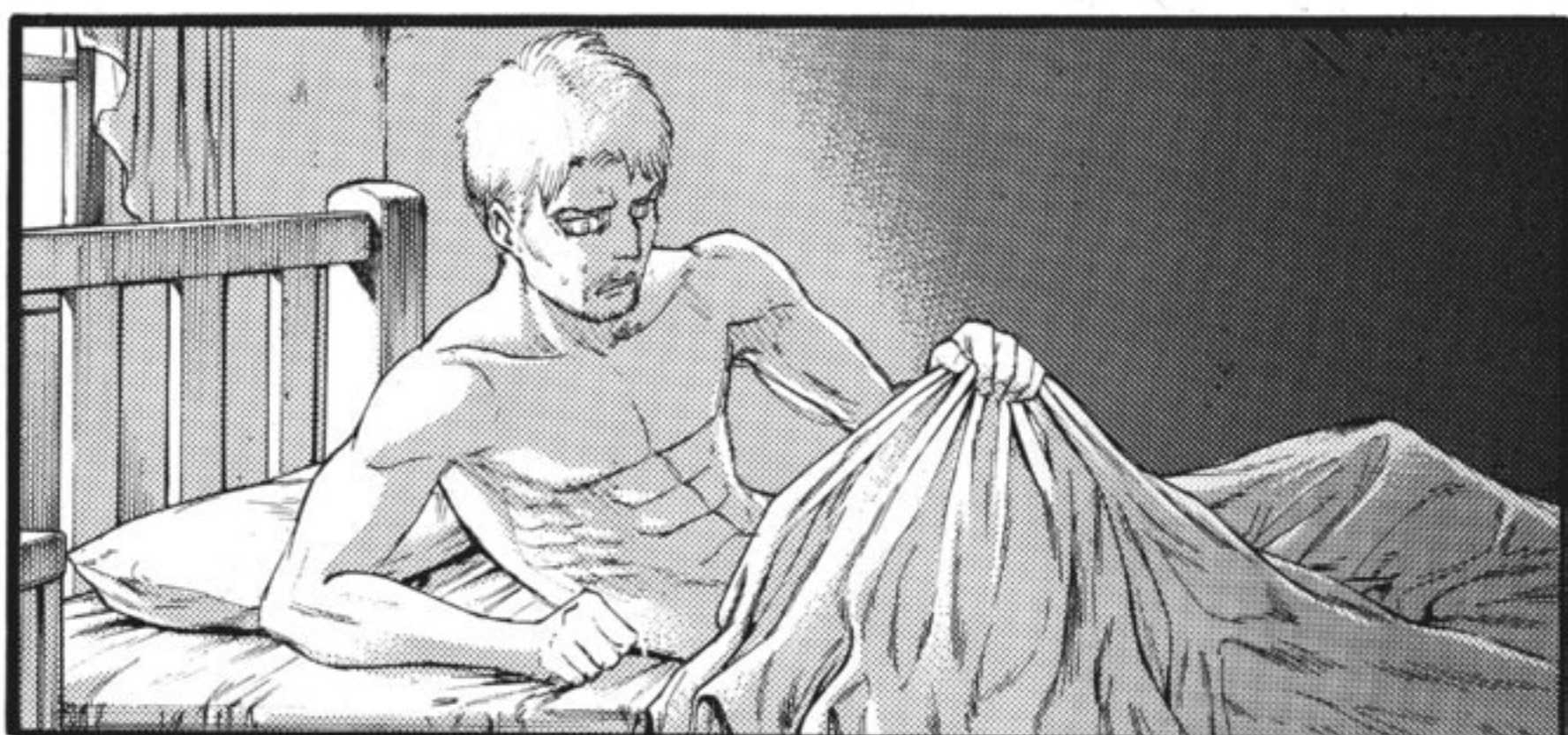
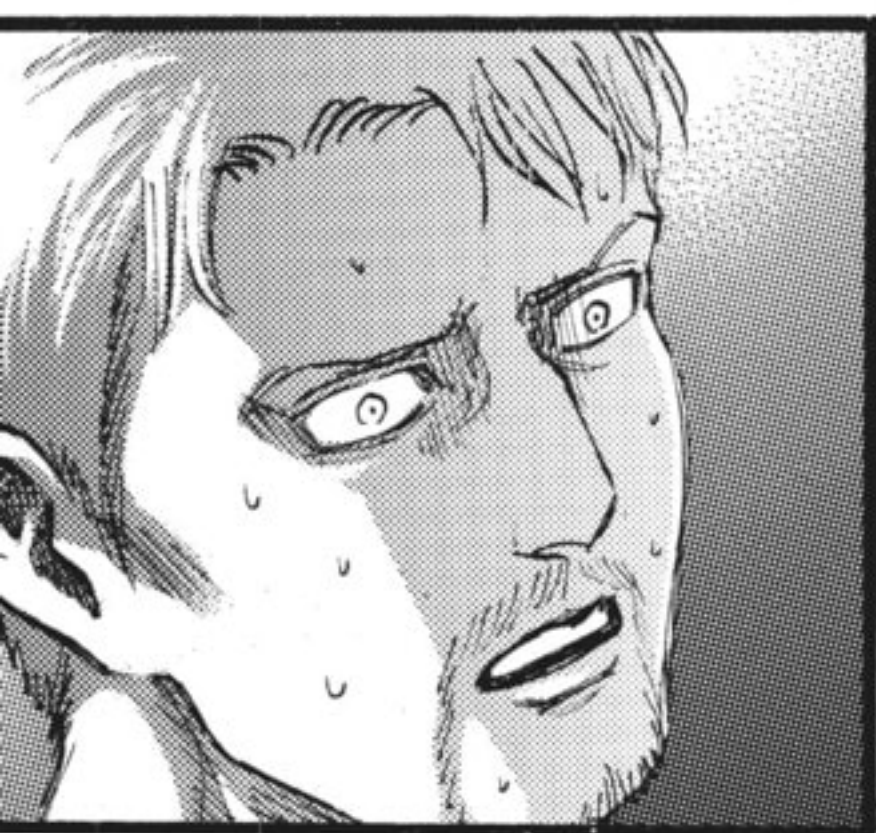
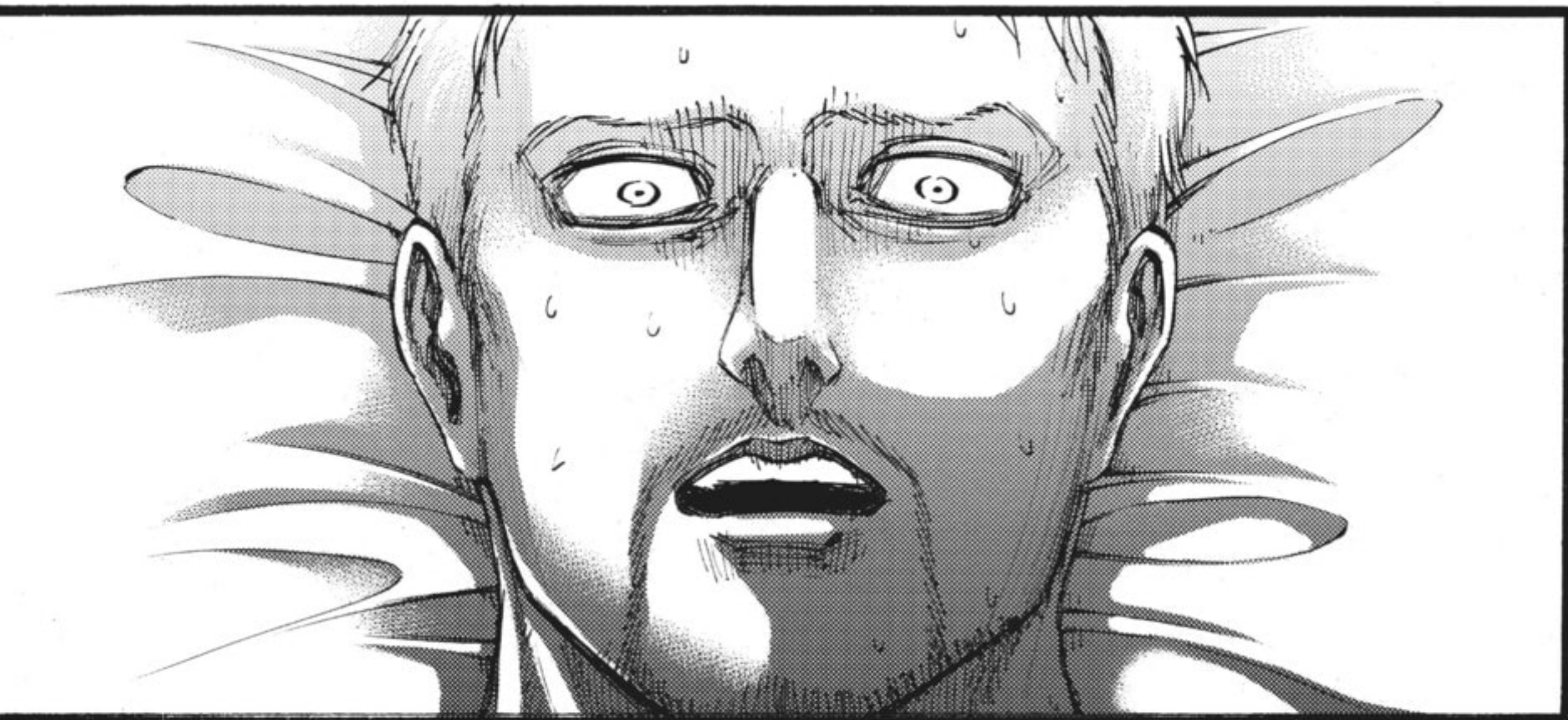
I'D LIKE
TO SHOW
GABI AND
FALCO THIS
VAST
WILDERNESS
AS WELL.

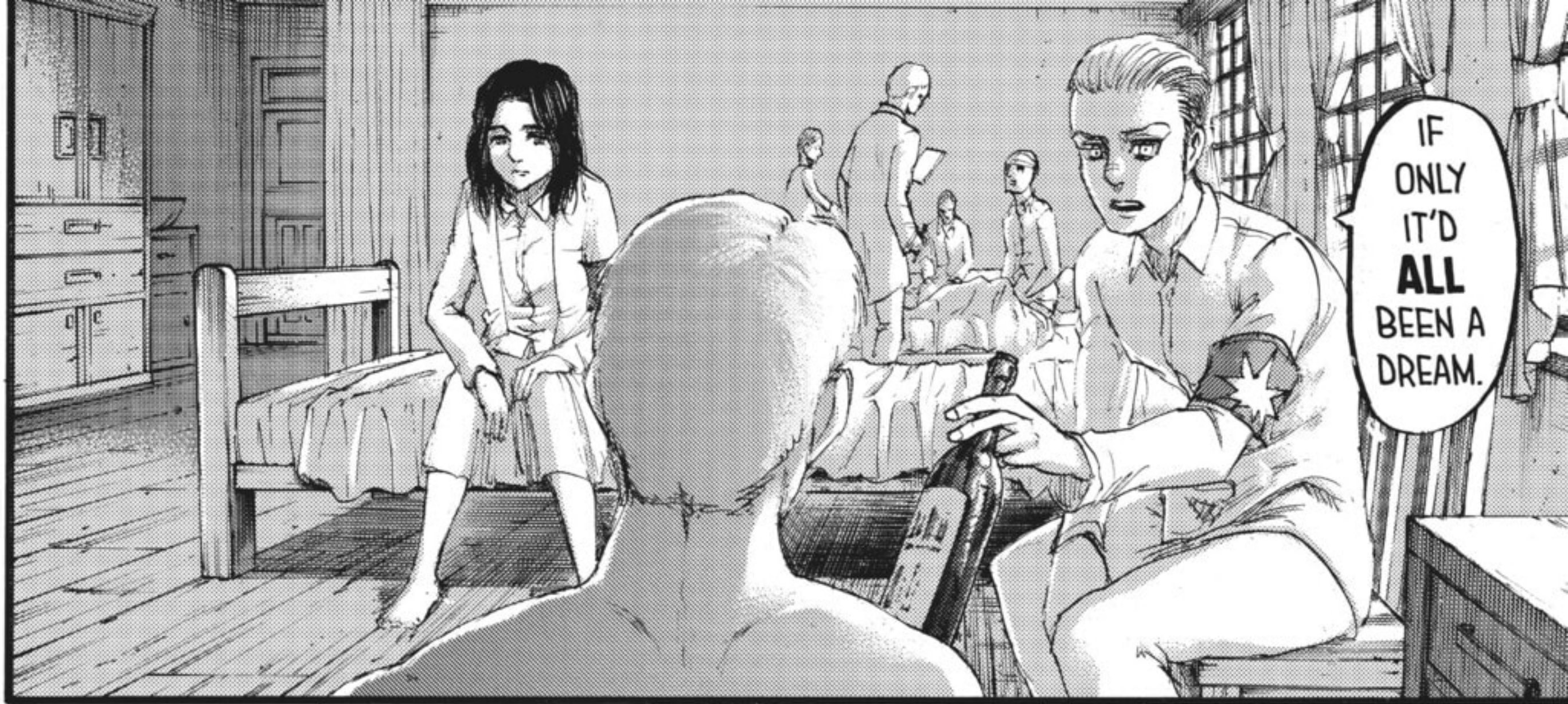
WHAT
DO YOU
SAY,
CAPTAIN
LEVI?









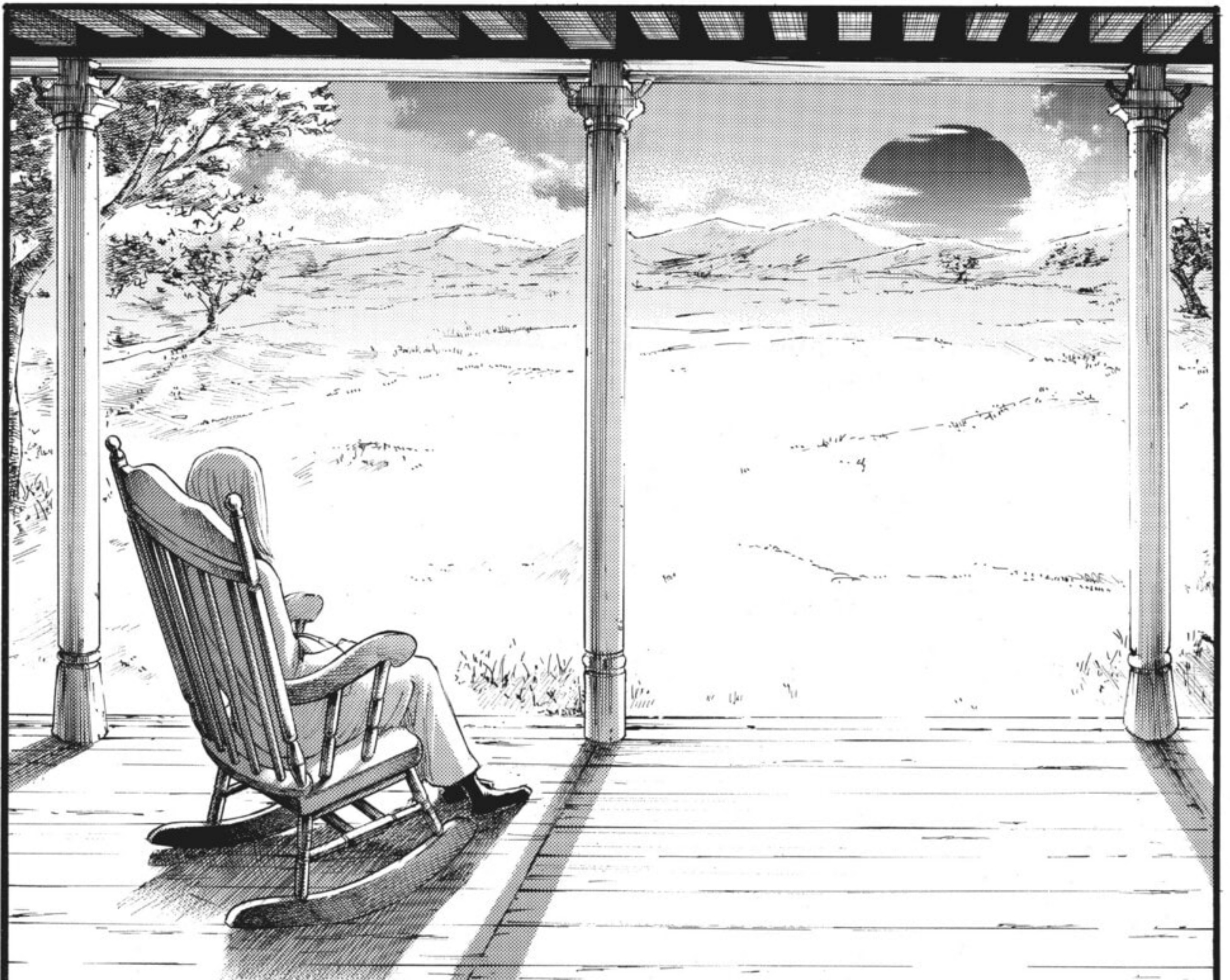


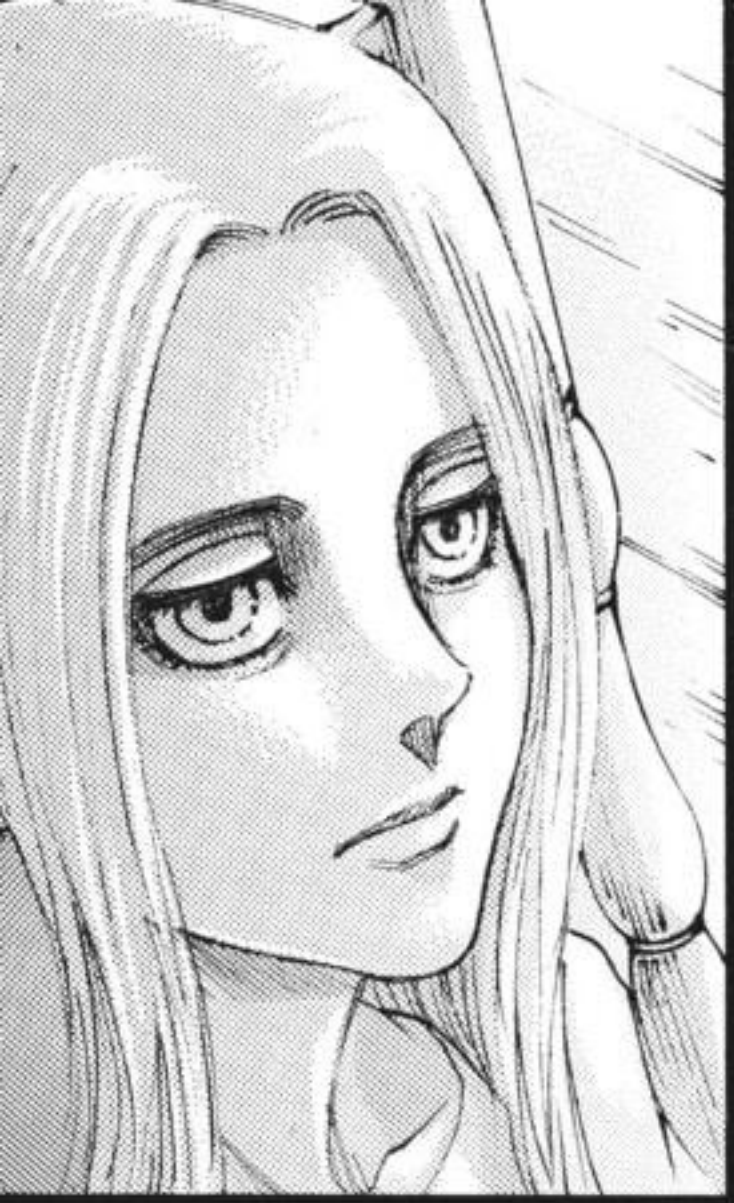
IF
ONLY
IT'D
ALL
BEEN A
DREAM.



WHERE
ARE...
THOSE
TWO?

...I
HEARD
GABI AND
FALCO'S
VOICES.





ATTACK on TITAN